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THE account of the burning of Freemasons' Hall will have been a great shock to all English Freemasons in all parts of the world. Many of us who have grown old in Masonry will regretfully remember many friends, and pleasant gatherings in former cheery days, and will be sorry to think, that the good old central home of English Freemasonry for over a hundred years practically has ceased to be, and to be again available for Masonic assemblies, must be entirely restored. That stately hall surrounded by the gracious pictures of ancient Grand Masters was always a pleasant sight to see when full of the worthy and dignified representative men of our great Order, and no one who took part in ancient or recent Quarterly Communications but will lament the fact, that the souvenirs and vestiges of the old walls must now give way to a restored building and a renovated hall. Up to 1768 the Grand Lodge of England had no idea, apparently of a settled home, or centre of work and official archives. In fact that one reality may well account alike for the sparseness and inaccuracy of our earlier Masonic muniments. But in 1768, October 28th, the Honourable CHARLES DILLON, as Grand Master in the chair, informed the brethren "that at a Committee of Charity held at the Horn Tavern, Fleet-street, on the 21st, he had presented a plan for raising a fund to build a hall, and purchase jewels, furniture, &c., for the Grand Lodge, independent of the Fund of Charity, &c." It seems, according to NOORTHOUCK, "that the several heads of this plan being proposed to the brethren," they resolved "that the said resolutions do meet with the approval of this Grand Lodge, and that they be strictly enforced by all regular lodges and Masons under the Constitution of England, under the title of 'Regulations for raising a fund to build a hall, and purchase jewels, furniture, &c.'" The Grand Lodge further ordered that these resolutions be printed and transmitted to all the lodges, and the subscription practically commenced from October 29th, 1768. The Grand Lodge was then meeting at the Crown and Anchor Tavern, and had previously lately met at Merchant Taylor's Hall, Thatched House Tavern, &c. In 1773 at the Grand Lodge held at the Crown and Anchor, Lord PETRE in the chair, a Hall Committee was formed to promote the plan of building the hall. At the meeting at Merchant Taylor's Hall, April 26th 1773, the Hall Committee made a report which was approved of. At a Grand Lodge extraordinary at the London Tavern, March 14th, 1774, it was announced that £1422 15s. 6d, the lodges having voluntarily offered £655 10s., were in the Grand Treasurer's hands for the Building Fund. At a Grand Lodge at the London Tavern, April 27th, 1774, the Hall Committee reported that they were negotiating for a plot of ground and premises in Great Queen-street, belonging to PHILIP CARTERET WEBB, Esq., deceased, which report was approved of, and the purchase ordered to be completed. The Grand Lodge met for the last time at the Crown and Anchor, on the 25th November, 1774, assembling at Freemasons' Tavern, in Great Queen-street, February, 22nd, 1775. The foundation of the first stone of Freemasons' Hall was laid, as is well-known, May 1st, 1775, and the dedication of the hall took place on May 23rd, 1776. A print of it is to be found as it appeared at that time in NOORTHOUCK'S Constitutions 1784, and ever since Freemasons' Hall has been the home and rallying point of English Freemasonry for over one hundred years. Many memorable gatherings have assembled within its time-honoured walls, and its destruction will be sensibly felt and severely lamented by countless English Freemasons, "dispersed over the face of earth and water," as the removal of a cherished relic of the past.

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IT is just possible that the mournful destruction of Freemasons' Hall, which will necessitate a complete restoration of the building, may lead to proposals to increase the accommodation of Grand Lodge. It has, we believe, long been felt that more room was wanted alike for abnormal and even normal meetings of our increasing Fraternity, and as, unfortunately, the matter is forced upon our attention now, the occasion will probably not be let slip of a considerable enlargement of our great English central home of Masonry. What the extent of our property is we know not; but we believe we are

expressing a very general feeling when we say, that for many reasons and for various causes, the position of Freemasons' Hall in Great Queen-street is alike the most central, the most convenient for, and the most acceptable to the Craft. Any reasonable, and sensible, and carefully-designed plan to increase the accommodation at Freemasons' Hall will, we feel sure, be hailed and approved by the entire body of our Order.

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THE annual Festival of the Girls' School took place at Freemasons' Tavern on the 9th inst., under the presidency of Bro. W. W. B. BEACH, Prov. Grand Master for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. The number of Stewards was 240, and the returns of their various lists amounted to £10,510. We refer our readers to the report elsewhere, we shall give an analysis of the lists next week.

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WITH regard to the vexed question of the "Table of Precedence," since last we wrote we have looked over WILLIAMS'S large paper copy of the edition of 1815 of the Constitutions, published by authority of Grand Lodge, and if we understand it rightly, it seems to settle the question. This was the first authorized edition of our Book of Constitutions after the Union of 1813, and was submitted to Grand Lodge more than once. WILLIAMS'S words seem to declare the fact that all the provisions of the book were submitted to, and approved of, by Grand Lodge. That totality would include "the Table of Precedence." But this point can, perhaps, only be satisfactorily proved by a search in the minutes of Grand Lodge. Changes have been introduced since 1815 into the verbiage and numbering of WILLIAMS'S original draft or even the table of precedence, and as the Book of Constitutions of 1815 were to be reconsidered in 1818, a further change may have been made then. The Board of General Purposes from time to time have had authority from Grand Lodge since then to make clerical alterations and suggest a different collocation of passages; but the one point of importance is this, has the "Table of Precedence" ever been submitted to the deliberate discussion and sanction of Grand Lodge, because, if so, it clearly cannot be altered "mero motre," except by sanction of Grand Lodge. A very important constitutional point, as all will see, is involved in this apparently trifling question, which, we feel bound to say, we cannot think to have been opportunely raised.

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THE question of the precedence of District Grand Masters is a very serious one, "per se," and may have an important and impervious bearing on the position and future of many District Grand Bodies. The possible Colonial point of view of the matter has scarcely, we think, been appreciated at all.

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AS regards the position of the Grand Chaplains, we hardly think the point at issue has been realized in its extent or meaning. Assuming that the new Grand Chaplains are to take place below Grand Deacons, what is to be the case of Grand Chaplains appointed before 1883, some 20, 30, 40 years ago? Are they now also to be put down? We think the whole affair has originated in some misconception, and we await confidently an official rectification of the same.

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WOULD it not be possible to take on a few more widows at any rate at the Royal Masonic Benevolent election? We say nothing about the onus, but could not the authorities legitimately and considerably increase with perfect safety the number of elected widows? We venture to throw out this hint for the consideration of the authorities.

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OUR readers will be pleased to hear that that distinguished naval officer, Bro. Admiral Lord ALCESTER, G.C.B., was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason in the United Lodge, on Wednesday, by Bro. the Earl of MILLTOWN, W.M. and S.G.W. Our noble brother, the Senior Grand Warden, did his work admirably, and was well supported by his officers, who were all up to their work.

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ALL our friends will be sorry to hear of the death of our old and lamented Bro. DUFF-FILBER. The amiability of his character and his eminent services to the Order are well known to all our metropolitan brethren, as well as to most of the readers of the *Freemason*.

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

## ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

The 95th Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Tavern. Bro. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. Grand Master for Hants and the Isle of Wight, presided, and among other brethren present were—

Bros. Sir E. H. Lechmere, Bart., M.P., P.G.M. Worcestershire; Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., P.G.M. Middlesex; Viscount Ranelagh, K.C.B.; Lord Garvagh; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary; Capt. S. G. Homfray, Dep. G.M. Monmouthshire; Capt. Hunter, P.P.G.M. Aberdeenshire; Ralph Gooding, G.S. Deacon; Col. Peters, G. Swd. Br.; Edgar Bowyer, G. Std. B.; Rev. H. A. Pickard, P.G.C.; Robert Grey, P.G.D., Chairman of Stwds; Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; Peter de Lande Long, P.G.D.; J. A. Rucker, P.G.D.; J. Messent, P.G.S.B.; C. Greenwood, P.G.S.B.; H. G. Buss, Asst. G. Sec.; H. Smith, P.G. Sec. W. Yorks; J. Terry, Sec. R.M.B.I.; J. E. Le Feuvre, P.G. Sec. Hamps. and I. of Wight; Richard Eve, P.G.W. Hampshire; H. A. Dubois, Chairman Ladies' Stewards; C. Greenwood, jun., P.G. Sec. Surrey; Dr. Morris, Charles Hammerton, L. E. Evans, of New York; J. R. Armitage, J.P.; Dr. Howell, E. C. Mather, T. Mount Humphries, Reginald Young, John Falkner, Chas. Belton, W. Bellingham, A. F. Kibble, J. W. Baldwin, and others.

After dinner the toasts were proposed.

The CHAIRMAN: Brethren, there is one uniform duty imposed by the constitution on Englishmen; it is cheerfully acknowledged by every section of the community, but by no body of men more readily and heartily than by Freemasons. And we have an additional reason this evening why we should drink the health of her Majesty, because during the past year she has consented to become a Patroness of the Girls' School Institution; I, therefore, ask you to drink "The Health of Her Majesty the Queen."

The CHAIRMAN, in proposing the toast of "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., Patron and President of the Institution; the Princess of Wales, Patroness; and the other members of the Royal Family," said: Brethren, the next toast I have to propose to you is that of the Prince of Wales, the Grand Master; the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the members of the Royal Family. It has been a great matter of congratulation to us that the Prince of Wales, ready as he is to discharge his duty in every walk of life, can find time to join the pursuits of Freemasonry, and take an active interest in its welfare; and that two of his Royal brothers, among their multifarious duties, also find time to join the Masonic Art. I think it forms an additional testimony for the regard which they must associate with the great body of Freemasons. And the Princess of Wales has taken an active interest in the Masonic Girls' School. We know one of the wings of the School is associated with her name. (Hear, hear.) I ask you to drink this toast with enthusiasm. (Hear, hear.)

The CHAIRMAN: The next toast I have to propose to you is "The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Officers of the Grand Lodge." The Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, and the Earl of Lathom have taken always the most active interest in Freemasonry. Although they have large and important provinces to attend to, yet they often find time to take their places in Grand Lodge whenever they have it in their power. They are also supporters of Masonic Charities, and I am sure it will be agreeable to you to hear that the Earl of Skelmersdale has had the most honourable success by coming in at the head of an examination for the army. I hope it will be no distant day before he enters our Order and emulates the virtues of his father. The Senior Grand Warden, the Earl of Milltown, would have been here to-night, but that it was the night of the meeting of his own lodge in this building. I will couple with this toast the name of our Bro. Sir Francis Burdett.

Sir F. BURDETT, Prov. Grand Master, Middlesex, in reply, said: For the kind manner in which my health has been proposed by the excellent Chairman, and for the manner which it has been received by you all, it must be clear to you that I feel considerable difficulty in responding for the toast I have now undertaken to respond to. (Hear, hear.) It has been the fortune of Grand Lodge to present Grand Officers for a great length of time who have performed their duties with perfect satisfaction to all beneath them. For a series of years the appointments have been satisfactory to all Masons, and we have just come to a new series of Grand Officers who, I am perfectly sure, will give satisfaction to all the brethren. The Past Grand Officers have done their duty in a manner that has satisfied all the brethren, and I feel confident that the Past Grand Officers and the Grand Officers will always as far as they can support the Institutions which we constantly meet at these Festivals to encourage. The Grand Officers are always ready to perform their duty, and always ready to support others who support them, and to give advice and assistance in the management of the Institution. We have a great many Provincial Grand Officers around us, and we all feel a great amount of respect for them, and greatly thank them for the support they have given to the Institutions, and I trust for a great many years to come the Provincial Grand Officers and the Grand Officers will be supported as they have been hitherto, for with this feeling, I have to thank you for the kind manner in which you have received this toast. (Hear, hear.)

Sir E. H. LECHMERE, Prov. Grand Master for Worcestershire: Brethren, three reasons have induced me to come here to-night. First of all I wished to show my interest in the Charity; next, to have the pleasure of joining some brethren from the far distant towns of Worcestershire. The province has of late years appeared more interested in the Great Charities than it was in times past. And last, but not least, I have come here to support my old friend and Masonic contemporary, your Chairman. I have had the pleasure for a very brief period, in a very brief visit to the Masonic Girls' School, last evening, but I wish I could have spent hours there to see those bright, cheery, healthy school girls and those charming governesses, above all, in this School. You have all the elements for giving girls a useful education, with a knowledge of household work, which cannot be derogatory to the highest in the land, but must be most beneficial to girls who have to make their way in life. Some thirty-four years ago your Chairman and myself were associated together at the university, and while there derived a knowledge of Masonry, which I am happy to say, flowing from Oxford, has diffused the best principles of Masonry through the length and breadth of the land. Our Chairman holds a very proud position to-night, in having to address this large and appreciative audience, and we only now wait a word from him upon the benefits and requirements of the School. Bro. Beach has been a thorough Mason ever since he has been a Mason; he has never lost his grasp of its principles, and has never allowed the light of Masonry burning in his mind to be extinguished, and I may add he presided at the Festival of the Boys' School in the first year of his Masonic life. I am sure you will drink his health with enthusiasm, and I trust that the result of his speaking will be most gratifying to himself and successful to the Charity itself. I ask you therefore to drink to "The Health of the President of the evening, Bro. Beach."

The CHAIRMAN in responding said: Sir E. Lechmere and brethren I thank you most heartily and sincerely, every one of you for the very kind way in which you have received this toast, and I thank my old friend, Bro. Sir Edward Lechmere, for the very kind way in which he has introduced it to you. (Hear, hear.) He has brought back to my mind associations of a far gone period, when he and I entered Freemasonry together, and certainly we did take the light of Masonry at the pure fount, and we then felt compelled to take an active interest in the Order. As our Bro. Lechmere said I was induced almost immediately after entering the Order to become a Steward for the Boys' School, which at the moment I hardly knew what it referred to. But I was told it was an excellent institution connected with Freemasonry, and I instantly said I will do my best to support it. I became a Steward; I came up to London and attended one or two meetings and the Festival, and I was then imbued in the belief that it was conducive to the interests of Freemasonry and the community at large; and I made up my mind to do the best I could to support such a glorious Order. I am sure that any one who takes an interest in Freemasonry has something noble in view. We have precepts to guide us that have existed from generation to generation. We also have the memory of those who have gone before us; we have many noble Masons who have stood forward in different ages whose memory we revere, and whose example we may well imitate. Only let us do the best we can to justify the confidence which is placed in us that we may do the best to support such a glorious institution, and if we support such an institution we may be sure we have done something for the interests of mankind. I thank you very heartily for the very kind way in which you have drunk my health.

The CHAIRMAN: I have now the gratification of proposing to you the toast of the evening, namely, "Success to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls." I had the pleasure of attending yesterday at the distribution of prizes, and I am glad to be able from my own testimony to announce to you that the School is in a most satisfactory and efficient state. I think it was most gratifying to us all the manner in which the girls went through their various performances. It shows that the education at the School has been very carefully attended to. The various domestic and useful arts have been laid great store by, and I would not have countenanced as far as my own individual opinion goes any relaxation of attention paid to useful duties for accomplishments. But that has not been at all relaxed, and at the same time the cultivation of accomplishments has been very carefully watched, and I think the various girls have done great honour to themselves in the way they have distinguished themselves in various avocations. In the Cambridge local examinations fifteen girls went in for that examination, and out of them fourteen passed, three of them with honours, and two of them for honour in religious subjects. I think this is most gratifying, because it shows that where an amount of talent exists it should be cultivated and made the most of. I think we also have reason to congratulate ourselves upon the health which exists in the Schools at the present moment, because though I believe last year there was some illness there, yet when I went over the infirmary there was not one girl who was the inmate of that part of the School. (Applause.) I think this does great credit to the doctor who looks after them, while as our Bro. Sir Edward Lechmere has said it is gratifying to see how happy they look; it is a great inducement to all who go there to take an active interest in them, and to show that their interests are not neglected by the Freemasons. Then we have the satisfaction too that the mistresses, with the exception of Miss Davis—who, I am sorry to say, is at present suffering from illness—that every member of the staff has been a pupil in that School; and that shows, I think, that those who were once educated there still turn back with affection to the walls where they have received the elements of education, and are glad to go back there and assist in imparting the education which they obtained themselves. One of the assistant mistresses in the School has been recently appointed as the head of the Masonic School in Dublin, and another girl has also been appointed to the head of the Bristol Asylum. (Applause.) That, I think, shows that those who are appointed to teach in the School are well worthy of the confidence reposed in them. During the last 10 years the School has increased from 112 to 239. This involves a great additional expenditure, and at the same time it involves additional responsibilities upon all those who are charged with its conduct. Now, brethren, the Committee have never found themselves justified in spending everything they have received; they have thought it a prudent use of their responsibility to build up for themselves a certain amount of capital; but I must point out to you, at the same time, that whilst prudent considerations have guided them, yet, at the same time, this capital forms a very small portion of the sum necessary to conduct this School; and unless the liberality of Masons is exercised to a considerable extent, this School must fail to carry out the great ends which as present it is doing. Brethren, it is in the firm reliance on the liberality of the brethren that the additional expenditure which has been requisite has been incurred. The number of the girls at present educated with these funds has been justified by the liberality which has in past years been called forth by the brethren, and I earnestly hope that it may not be relaxed upon the present occasion, and that the funds may be placed on a firmer basis than ever they have been in the past. Brethren, I feel sure that if any of you pay a visit to that School you will be well rewarded, and I hope that though further calls may be made upon your liberality at a future time—as I hear that even now the schoolroom is scarcely large enough for the requirements of the pupils—yet I hope that the funds will be sufficient to maintain the School in the same state of efficiency that it has been in the last few years. I commend this toast to your notice, and will couple with it the name, in the absence of Bro. Creton, of Bro. Peter de Lande Long.

Bro. HEDGES then read the following list of subscriptions:

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822 " F. Abbott ...	37	16	0
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898 " C. Chapman ...	60	18	0
902 " T. Spearing ...	52	10	0
1056 " J. Boulton ...	101	17	6
1269 " B. G. Frampton ...	34	12	0
1278 " W. H. Making ...	18	17	6
1287 " W. Cleghorn ...	106	1	0
1328 " F. Kirk ...	36	15	0
1365 " J. S. Badkin ...	15	0	0
1365 " E. M. Mallett ...	21	0	0
1382 " G. T. Limm ...	62	4	3
1383 " M. P. F. Caulfield ...	149	2	0
1426 " A. F. Kibble ...	91	7	0
1446 " T. Griffiths ...	45	0	0
1472 " V. J. Holloway ...	33	0	0
1491 " P. H. Waterlow ...	116	11	0
1538 " T. Barlow ...	25	18	6
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1584 " A. Rerrot, B.A. ...	15	15	0
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1719 " J. F. Porter, M.D. ...	144	18	0
1765 " G. F. Smith, jun. ...	20	0	0
1768 & 1124 Bro. A. C. Spaul ...	60	18	0
1768 Bro. J. R. Jones ...	34	13	0
1791 " J. Neilson ...	130	0	0
1804 " Rev. R. H. Atherton ...	27	0	0
1818 " J. Clever ...	57	15	0
1820 " F. J. Vialls ...	54	1	6
1829 " H. Clarke ...	40	0	0
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UNATTACHED.			
Bro. Edgar Bowyer ...	94	0	0
" T. W. C. Bush ...	68	5	0
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CAMBRIDGESHIRE.			
Province and 88, Bro. Neal			
Jas. York ...	128	2	0
CHESHIRE.			
89 Bro. John Clayton ...	48	17	0
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1565 " George Richrdsen ...	10	10	0
CORNWALL.			
Province, Capt. H. G. Colvill ...	42	0	0
1151 Bro. Controller S. G. Bake	31	10	0
CUMBERLAND AND WEST-			
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Bro. George J. McKay ...	26	5	0
DERBYSHIRE.			
1235 Bro. John Stanley ...	70	7	0
DEVONSHIRE.			
99 Bro. H. W. Madeley ...	66	3	0
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1027 Bro. R. N. Howard ...			
DURHAM.			
Province and 111, H. Maddison	86	2	6
ESSEX.			
276 Bro. J. P. Lewin ...	37	5	6
1000 " W. D. Merritt ...	28	6	6
1545 " H. E. Dehane ...	31	10	0
GLOUCESTERSHIRE.			
839 Bro. R. Vassar Smith ...	21	0	0
" John Mullings ...	15	15	0
HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT.			
Bro. W. Wither B. Beech,			
M.P., (Chairman) ...	52	10	0
35 " A. Barfield ...	82	19	0
76 " T. Stopher ...	77	16	6
130 " C. W. A. Jellicoe ...	110	5	0
151 " C. E. Lock ...	46	4	0
195 " E. W. Rebbeck ...	93	19	6
257 " T. K. Williams ...	42	0	0
309 " E. Goble ...	31	10	0
Chap. 309 Comp. Rev. Dr. White ...	15	15	0
Lodge.			
342 Bro. John Brickwood ...	124	19	0
694 " Rev. A. G. Barker ...	100	0	0
698 " Rev. J. N. Palmer ...	2	2	0
1869 " R. Glasspool ...	98	14	0
723 " John Broster, M.D. ...	23	2	0
785 " F. Powell ...	67	4	0
903 " Richard Eve ...	56	14	0
1331 " William Tasker ...	36	16	0
1373 " Joseph Stevens ...	82	19	0
1780 " Thomas Page ...	129	3	0
1903 " HERTFORDSHIRE.			
493 Bro. Lieut. R. B. Croft ...	24	14	0
449 " George Mickley ...	26	15	6
1327 " E. West ...	96	12	0
1479 " Isaac N. Edwards ...	10	10	0
KENT.			
127 Bro. John G. Henning ...	48	5	0
1206 " D. Baker ...	64	0	0
1414 " Rev. T. S. Curteis ...	43	13	0
1436 " T. J. Pulley ...	72	10	0
1436 " R. White ...			
1531 " H. B. Taylor ...			
LANCASHIRE (E. DIVISION).			
62 Bro. Edward Ashworth ...	10	10	0
317 " James Wilson ...	10	10	0
317 " William J. Cunliffe ...	10	10	0
317 " John W. Edwards ...	10	10	0
467 " Walter Potts ...	15	15	0
1723 " Robert Latham ...	10	10	0
1723 " Jas. Haywood ...	10	10	0
1948 " Major G. E. Hardman ...	10	10	0
LANCASHIRE (W. DIVISION).			
86 Bro. Reginald Young ...	85	1	0
85 " William Newsome ...	10	10	0
202 " Bradshaw W. Rowson ...	10	10	0
1013 " William Longbottom ...	31	10	0
1213 " James Andrew ...	21	0	0
1250 " David W. Finney ...	31	10	0
1387 " Robert Davies ...	12	12	0
1505 " Robert Foote ...	10	10	0
1814 " William Bouden ...	31	10	0
1814 " Wm. Young Martin ...	31	10	0
MIDDLESEX.			
1309 Bro. John Proffitt ...	16	16	0
1326 " William R. Vassila ...	20	0	0
1460 " Rev. Dr. P. H. Ernest Brette ...	44	2	0
1494 " T. S. Archer ...	36	15	0
MONMOUTHSHIRE.			
Province, Bro. Alderman Thos.			
Beynon ...	236	5	0
N. WALES AND SALOP.			
384 Bro. R. C. Mellor ...	10	10	0
Chap. 606 Comp. Capt. C. Hunter ...	31	10	0
Lodge.			
1336 " J. Oswell Bury ...	11	11	0
1849 " Henry Kneeshair ...	10	10	0
OXFORD.			
340 Bro. John Fisher ...	20	0	0
357 " Rev. H. A. Pickard ...	28	17	6
1704 " William Atkins ...	21	0	0
1895 " G. E. Brakspear ...	15	15	0
SOMERSETSHIRE.			
Province } Bro. John Budge ...	44	2	0
833			
SOUTH WALES (E. Div.)			
833 Bro. J. Smith ...			
Province			
960 Bro. George H. Noel ...	217	7	0
STAFFORDSHIRE.			
418 Bro. W. H. Snow ...	72	16	0
624 " Capt. J. A. Bindley ...	110	5	0
624 " T. A. Jackson ...			
1792 " F. J. Turley ...	89	5	0
SUFFOLK.			
Lodge.			
Province Bro. N. Tracy ...	136	10	0
SURREY.			
Lodge.			
410 Bro. C. Greenwood, jun. ...	47	15	0

1395 " A. H. Bowles ...	10	10	0
1688 " D. W. Cable ...	25	0	0
1981 " W. P. Catterson ...	15	15	0
" Col. A. Angus Croll ...	10	10	0
SUSSEX.			
271 Bro. G. Ford ...	10	10	0
315 & 1636 Bro. J. Eberell ...	262	10	0
732 Bro. B. Bennett ...	79	16	0
732 " J. M. Kidd ...	10	10	0
WARWICKSHIRE.			
Bro. Woodhouse ...	12	12	0
587 Bro. C. F. Rowe ...	15	15	0
739 " A. F. Warrillow ...	10	10	0
887 " Capt. A. Ash ...	10	10	0
1474 " H. J. Creamer ...	10	10	0
WORCESTERSHIRE.			
Province Bro. G. Taylor ...			
Lodge.			
280 Bro. H. Rowe ...			
377 " S. W. Grosvenor ...	217	7	0
377 " W. C. Green ...			
377 " J. E. Stone ...			
539 " W. B. Williamson ...			
" A. F. Godson ...			

Lodge.	£	s.	d.
N. & E. YORKSHIRE.			
313 Bro. Major W. H. Mar-			
wood ...	15	15	0
WEST YORKSHIRE.			
139 Bro. J. Needham ...			
242 " C. H. Verity ...			
296 " J. C. Wing ...			
302 " J. R. Armitage, J.P. ...			
521 " H. Wood ...			
910 " G. H. Locking ...			
910 " J. G. Lyon ...			
910 " W. H. Wilkes ...			
910 " J. H. Greaves ...			
910 " R. Fisher ...	400	0	0
1211 " G. F. Crowe ...			
1211 " J. W. Fourness ...			
1211 " A. Wood ...			
1211 " Major R. W. Moore ...			
1513 " T. Embleton ...			
1513 " W. R. Massie ...			
1513 " G. Sykes ...			
1513 " J. Longley ...			
1513 " C. Pegler ...			
FOREIGN.			
" H. De Tatham M.D. ...	10	10	0

Bro. HEDGES said that this made—

London ...	£5162	19	9
Provinces ...	5347	10	6
or a total of ...	£10,510	0	3

The announcement was received with loud cheers. Bro. PETER DE LANDE LONG, P.G.D., in acknowledging the toast, said: Although it is a great honour to respond to any toast proposed in Masonry, it is a still greater honour to have to thank you all for this magnificent total which has just been announced on behalf of our Institution to-night. You, sir, have spoken in such kindly terms of the condition of the Institution, and the way in which its affairs and the education are managed, that I am sure we must have been deeply impressed with the value of the work that is carried on, and I only hope that in the future we may—at least those who for the time being have the affairs of the Institution to manage—may rely upon as loyal support as they have received in the past. I can assure you it is a matter of deep anxiety to the House Committee as to the result of these festivals. If we do not get that support which we hope and believe we are entitled to, of course our efforts for good are thereby nullified. To-night, however, thanks to the brother who has so well and ably occupied the chair, his appeal has been so liberally responded to, that we feel sure in the future the Girls' School will be the magnificent success that I venture to say on behalf of the House Committee, and all those who are interested in it, that it has been in the past. We are deeply thankful to you all, and we trust the Institution will ever bear the good name that it does now, and that you will never relax your efforts on its behalf.

Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE: Right Worshipful Chairman and Brethren: I am sure we have all been most delighted to here the result of the lists which have just been read out, and we must heartily congratulate the Institution on the result of this evening; but I am sure you will all agree with me that we ought not to separate to-night without considering for a moment that this is not the only Masonic Institution which we are privileged to support. We have also close to us and under our protection two other most excellent and admirable Institutions—the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and the Benevolent Institution, and I think we ought not to separate this evening without a word of encouragement to those excellent Institutions. One has already held its festival of the year, and under the able presidency of Bro. General Brownrigg has had a most successful meeting. The amount collected is one of the highest I believe that has ever been brought out. We have still another Festival which will come before us in July next—the Festival of the Boys' School. That will be presided over by our Right Worshipful Bro. Lord Holmesdale, Provincial Grand Master for Kent. I am sure you will all join with me in wishing that we may then have the gratification of hearing of another magnificent total to be announced from the supporters of that great Charity. After the able speech we have heard from our Chairman I will not longer detain you, but will ask you to join with me in wishing God speed to the other two great Masonic Benevolent Institutions. Bro. Binckes not being present I shall couple this toast with the name of Bro. Terry.

Bro. JAMES TERRY in acknowledging the toast said: In the absence of my good friend Bro. Binckes, who I really thought would have been here this evening to have responded to this toast, I certainly am quite unprepared to make any spontaneous response to the toast of success of the Institution, which has been so very kindly given by our Very Worshipful Bro. the Grand Secretary. But I do not think when this toast is proposed it requires many moments' consideration to give a response to the kindness shown by the Craft generally in support of all our Institutions. First of all let me congratulate the Institution—not the House Committee we have heard spoken of to-night—but the whole body of the Craft on the success of the Institution. And the reason I say so is this, that we must look to it—that is the Grand body of the Craft who are the support of all the Institutions, and not the Sub-Committees to whom are entrusted certain duties, but the general body of the Craft that we must look to. Therefore when I hear about what must be the anxiety of the House Committee, we put that entirely on one side, and say what is the anxiety of the Craft at large for the support of all these Institutions; and I venture to say you have nobly responded already on behalf of two of those Institutions. Just let me say this on behalf of the one that is to follow. Bro. Binckes is not here, or you would have had a most eloquent appeal, you would have had a speech worthy of your listening to and of consideration. That is an Institution at the present time which is largely deserving of your support; it is one that is making strenuous efforts to enlarge its boundaries and take in a larger number of boys, and if there be anything like a spirit of prophecy abroad, I venture to say when the last Wednesday but one in June comes round that however large may have been the announcements on behalf of the Girls' and Benevolent Institutions there will be one of those startling surprises that the Craft at large are not quite prepared to receive; and the reason I say that is this, brethren, that in addition to the ordinary appeal being made for the Boys' School you are all aware they are giving additional privileges to Governors in the shape of double voting power. What will be the result of that? I

venture to say that nearly £17,000 will be announced that night on behalf of the festival of the Boys' School. Then what have we to look for? There £47,000 as an outcome of the Craft last year on behalf of our three Institutions. £13,000 odd was brought in last February to the Benevolent Institution, and the £10,000 to-night, and a probable total of £17,000 or £18,000 for the Boys' in June, and all the income, large as yet has been the results, 1883 I think will total up a greater sum than has yet been known. I congratulate yourself, Sir, upon the eminent success which has attended your appeal, upon the noble support your province has rendered you for the oldest of our Institutions. But there is also the youngest Institution—one which I venture to say is the most deserving of support. I tell you why. The Girls' School has been established 94 years—and not by girls or boys, but by men of the Craft. The Boys' School has been 82 or 83 years established—not by boys or girls, but by men of the Craft, and it was not till 50 years had passed by when those Institutions had actually been at work that the old men thought there was an opportunity of establishing an Institution for themselves; and it is to them the main support of all our Institutions is due. And I venture to say the youngest is, speaking from my own point of view, to you who are firm supporters of all those Institutions—the grandest of all. I thank you for the support you have given it, and I do trust that the coming year may be as prosperous, as fruitful of success, and every way deserving of support as the others.

Bro. Rev. H. A. PICKARD: If I had consulted my own feelings I should have remained silent this evening; but rise in obedience to the commands of the chair, and in obedience to one upon whom I look as my father in Masonry, though not my real father in Masonry, because he did not initiate me. Though this is an important toast, I shall not detain you long, because I feel sure you will wish to listen to the delicious strains of the musicians in another room. The toast is "The Health of the Stewards," who have had great difficulties thrown in their way. I, therefore, have to propose the health of the Stewards, coupling with it the name of Bro. Robert Grey, Past Grand Deacon and Chairman of that Board.

Bro. ROBERT GREY, P.G.D., in reply, said: As one of the Stewards I have to return you all our most grateful thanks for the cordial assistance in every way that has been rendered to us in our duties. We all know that we have had some little difficulty in accommodating those who have been kind enough to visit us in the same way they have done in previous years; but we found that immediately we asked for their co-operation and forbearance we met with that kindness of feeling that Masons always expect to receive from their brethren. Our labours, which have been the most delightful labours to us, have resulted in the amount that has been announced to-night. We feel that it is mainly owing to you, Right Worshipful Sir, in consenting to preside over us, and to that magnificent amount which your province has supported you with. We feel that our labours have been amply repaid by the success which this Festival has this evening been achieved.

Bro. Capt. HUNTER, G.M. of Aberdeen, in proposing the toast of "The Ladies," said: I little knew as I sat here to-night that I should have to address you at all. I came here humbly to bring a certain amount towards this great Charity, and we may congratulate ourselves upon having such a Chairman to preside over us, and him on such a success as he has brought. But I have now a toast to propose to you, which I am sure you will drink with the greatest enthusiasm, and that is "The Health of the Ladies;" and thanks to those ladies who have graced this festival with their presence. We one and all feel extremely the honour which is done us by their faces smiling down upon us from the gallery, with great disadvantage to themselves. I trust that presently we shall have the pleasure of joining them in the concert room, and spending the remainder of a happy evening together. In the meantime we will drink their health, and I shall call on Bro. Frank Richardson to reply.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, P.G.D., in replying said: It is always a great pleasure to have to respond to the toast of "The Ladies;" but it is especially pleasing when the toast is the health of the sweethearts, sisters, and wives of Masons. I feel that Freemasonry is deeply indebted to ladies for the proud position it holds in this country, for if the ladies did not give it the support they do, I fear Freemasonry would not be in the position it is in. I thank the brother who has so kindly proposed the health of the ladies for the words he has used in their favour. I am sure I am authorised on their behalf to reciprocate the kind sentiments he has expressed that they have enjoyed themselves at this festival, and that they trust they will be able to attend many more festivals, and witness a great deal more Masonic work. (Cheers.)

The brethren then joined the ladies in the Crown Room, where a concert was given by the following artistes: Miss Clara Samuel, Madame Irene Ware, Miss Butterworth, Mr. Shakespear, Mr. St. Just, and Mr. Arthur Oswald, and Bro. Alfred Gilbert (Member of the Royal Academy of Music), presided at the pianoforte.

Bro. James Hayho was toastmaster at the dinner.

#### STEWARDS' VISIT TO THE INSTITUTION.

The Stewards' visit to the Institution prior to the Ninety-fifth Anniversary Festival took place on Tuesday last, when the prizes were distributed by Bro. W. Wither B. Beach, M.P., R.W. Prov. G.M. Hampshire and Isle of Wight, Chairman of the Festival. There was a very large gathering of the friends of the Institution, notwithstanding the bad weather, and it is not improbable that had the day been fine room could not have been found for all who would have come. Bro. Peter de Lande Long, Chairman of the House Committee, occupied a seat on the right of the Chairman, and announced the names of the prize-winners. Among others present were—

Bros. Sir Edmund Lechmere, M.P., P.G.M. Worcester; H. A. Dubois, A. H. Tattershall, J. H. Matthews, Frank Richardson, F. C. Mather, Edgar Bowyer, J. L. Mather, Colonel Peters, Charles Hamerton, S. B. Catterton, Dr. Godson, Captain Colvill, Rev. W. R. Cope, Louis Hirsch, W. J. Murlis, F. W. C. Bush, S. Moutrie, F. C. Gates, Neville Green, H. G. Dubois, J. Davis, C. H. Freyer, Robt. Grey, J. J. Berry, F. Clase, A. M. Terry, H. W. Madeley, W. G. Bachelor, C. H. Cohen, W. Radcliffe, J. W. Palmer, G. P. Festa, Jno. Clayton, C. H. Webb, A. E. Gladwell, E. West, W. Heale, Mayhew, A. Townsend, J. G. Kenning, J. A. Jackson, E. Sanders, Walter Wood, W. Honeybell, W. W. Morgan, L. Lazarus, J. L. Pennethorne, J. Pullen, H. Wright, H. J. Crutch, H. H. Locke, W. Atkins, C. E. Arthur, Jno. Brickwood, G. Taylor, P. G. Sec. Worcester; G. A. Naylor, H. Rowe, A. C. Spaul, H. Rowe, J. W. Chadwick, J. E. Stone, J. J. Pakes, M. J. Butler, J. E. Terry, A. F. Godson, A. Dowall, G. Mickley, W. H. Saunders, E. T. H. Saunders, G. Z. Peachey, H. C. Platt, T. H. Gardner, R. W. Vincent, and many others.

A large number of ladies also signed the books, but it would occupy far more space than there is at disposal to insert their names here; suffice it to say, that a great many, as always, graced the occasion by their presence.

As regards the performances of the children also it may be said that these were unusually good. The new pianos were universally approved, and the performances of the children upon them were warmly applauded. The recitations were also very good, particularly a humorous piece describing a Frenchman's difficulty in understanding the great variety of applications of the word "box" in the English language. This piece was delivered by Ada H. Clase, and was certainly the best in distinct enunciation and animation, while the broken English of the good-humoured Frenchman was admirably portrayed. Of the pianoforte pieces a capriccio by Mendelssohn, by 12 hands; F. Von Suppés "Dichter und Bauer," by 24 hands, and the "Toy symphony" (Romberg), by the little girls, received the warmest applause.

The number of prizes given away is too large to admit of the names of all the prize winners being mentioned. It must suffice to say that the gold medal given annually by Bro. Paas for proficiency, with £5 added by Bro. Winn, was won by Ada Huyshe Clase; the silver medal for good conduct given by the Institution, with £5 added by Bro. Winn, was won by Louisa Marion Thomson, while Gertrude H. Mey and Mary S. Norrish divided the other gift of £5 by Bro. Winn, for proficiency.

Bro. PETER DE L. LONG said that he had now a very pleasurable duty devolving upon him as Chairman of the House Committee, namely, that of proposing a vote of thanks to the Chairman for having presided at the distribution of prizes on this occasion. It was unnecessary for him to say one word as to the very strong position which Bro. W. W. B. Beach, R.W. Prov. G.M. Hants and the Isle of Wight, held in the Craft, or as to the substantial manner in which he had supported the Masonic Charities. He (Bro. Long) was sure all present would desire to join with him in returning a vote of thanks to their Chairman in the heartiest manner possible; he was sure too that his young friends must feel that the value of the prizes that they had received was enhanced by their having been received at the hands of so distinguished a Mason. (Applause.) He believed it was unnecessary to put this motion to the vote, and that it might be taken.

The vote was carried by acclamation. The R.W. Bro. W. W. B. BEACH then rose and said that he thanked the Chairman of the House Committee and those present for the very kind vote they had been good enough to pass. It had given him very great pleasure to attend that day, not for the first time, and see the practical working of the School. He had been there several years ago, but since that time it had increased in a very great degree, and he was pleased to find that efficiency had kept pace with the increase in its numbers. He was sure he should only express the opinion of all present by saying how gratified he had been with the proficiency exhibited by the children. The first thing he had seen was the calisthenic exercises, which would have done credit to a body of well-disciplined soldiers. Since that they had heard various performances, and they were much indebted to the mistresses for the trouble they had taken, and acknowledged that they had done credit to the Institution. Then the recitations had been given in a most excellent manner that had given pleasure to all, and he thought that they were indebted for the manner in which the School was flourishing to several persons. In the first place to Miss Davis, who had been associated with the School for many years, and whose enforced absence through illness, they all regretted, but hoped that she would soon be restored to health and able to take her place again, but in the meantime he must pay a tribute to the manner in which she has performed her duties, also to the other teachers, and he must congratulate them on the manner in which the whole of the duties had been done. He could only mention one other name, which he was sure would be received with the greatest enthusiasm—that of their esteemed and beloved matron, Miss Jarwood. It was unnecessary, he supposed, for him to mention that from early girlhood she been connected with the Institution, but he must congratulate the friends of the Institution upon having her in the position which she was so good as to occupy. They were also exceedingly indebted to Dr. Howell for the manner in which he had taken care of the health of the pupils, and he (the Chairman) might mention in proof of this that he had visited the infirmary and was pleased to find that there was not a single patient in it. (Applause.) He must congratulate them on the manner in which education appeared to be carried out in the school; for while the useful and domestic arts were not neglected the higher ranks of education had been attended to. Some of the children had been selected to compete at the Cambridge examination. This he should not approve of if the useful were sacrificed to the more advanced branches of education. But this was not so; the useful branches of education were by no means neglected, and he must therefore congratulate those who had shown very marked talent and had conducted themselves most creditably at the Cambridge examination. He would also congratulate those present upon the marked success that had attended the school and trusted that that success might long continue. And if he must be allowed to say a word to the pupils, he would add that they might be called upon to join in various vocations, but he trust that they would be incited by the successes that had attended their efforts here to regard those successes as stepping-stones to further achievements in building up a further scheme of knowledge to that which they had acquired. Another point was the affection which was generated for this Institution to be felt in after years, and he trusted that it would always be a characteristic of the Freemasons' girls that they would always remember and love those who possibly might never leave the Institution, and in after life would look back to the associations which they had formed in these wards and reflect upon the happy hours they had spent within them.

The visitors then adjourned to the tea rooms where a substantial repast awaited them, and subsequently witnessed the calisthenic exercises of the children in the large hall; after which children and visitors mingled and dancing concluded one of the most successful Steward's visits of which the Institution by Clapham Junction has been the scene.

#### ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The General Committee of this Institution met at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday, when Bro. C. J. Perceval was called to the chair. There were also present Bros. W. Clarke, C. A. Cottebrune, James Brett, G. Bolton, C. Belton, Louis Stein, F. Adlard, H. Smith, H. McPherson, W. H. Goodall, John Bulmer, C. J. Dilley, J. M. Case, J. A. Farnfield, W. J. Murlis, Chas. Lacey, G. J. Moore, T. W. Bush, and E. C. Massey (*Freemason*).

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee of 11th April were read and confirmed, and the Warden's report was read.

The SECRETARY reported the deaths since last meeting of one male and three female annuitants. He also reported that since last meeting the Com-

mittee had lost three of its members by death, viz.: Bros. W. Hale, J. R. Gallant, and A. J. Duff Filer, whereupon the Secretary was instructed to send letters of condolence on behalf of the Committee to their families for the bereavement they had sustained.

An application from the widow of the male annuitant whose death is above referred to for a grant of a moiety of her deceased husband's annuity was considered, and being found strictly in conformity with the rules, the grant was agreed to. A draft of the annual report was submitted and approved.

The SECRETARY read a statement of the attendance of the members of the Committee during the past year, to be submitted to Grand Lodge, and it appearing that three members were disqualified, three others were nominated for election in their stead.

### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of this Institution met last Saturday at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. W. Roebuck in the chair. There were also present—

Bros. John L. Mather, C. H. Webb, Thomas Cubitt, Raynham W. Stewart, Edgar Bowyer, F. W. Ramsay, Don. M. Dewar, W. Maple, Rev. R. Morris, D.D. (Head Master), Joyce Murray, E. Johnson, C. E. Soppet, Joseph Clever, John J. Berry, Leopold Ruf, A. H. Tattershall, A. Williams, R. Berridge, E. Baxter, G. E. Gillard, G. P. Festa, F. Adlard, W. Paas, H. Venn, Herbert Dicketts, James Moon, H. S. Goodall, J. M. Stedwell, George Motion, G. Skeggs, A. F. Godson, W. H. Saunders, F. Binckes (Secretary), and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the former meeting, and after the reading of the minutes of the House and Audit Committees, and of the special House Committee, the Chairman was authorised to sign cheques in payment of accounts.

The SECRETARY reported that £2067 10s. had been invested.

Eight petitions were read and approved, and the candidates named therein were ordered to be placed on the list for the October election. Four grants were made to former pupils of the Institution.

The following brethren were nominated by Bro. C. F. Matier to serve on the House Committee for the ensuing year: Bros. R. W. Stewart, J. L. Mather, Edgar Bowyer, W. Ramsay, D. Sanders, Joyce Murray, W. Roebuck, H. W. Hunt, W. Paas, James Moon, Dudley Rolls, and A. F. Godson.

The following brethren were nominated by Bro. R. W. Stewart to serve on the Audit and Finance Committee for the next year: Bros. W. Mann, C. F. Matier, T. Cubitt, H. S. Goodall, C. F. Hogard, C. F. Soppet, H. Venn, W. Maple, and R. Berridge; and there being no other nominations an election will not be necessary.

The Committee then adjourned.

### FIRE AT FREEMASONS' HALL.

*The following appeared in our Second Edition of last week.*

Freemasons throughout the world will learn with the deepest regret, that shortly before midnight on Thursday, the 3rd instant, that portion of Freemasons' Hall, which is known as "The Temple" was totally destroyed by fire. An inspection of the premises the following morning showed how completely the flames had done their work. Of the valuable pictures of Past-Grand Masters of the Society, of the valuable fittings and furniture, nothing but the charred remains are to be seen, except the marble bust by the late Bro. Bailey, R.A., of His late Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex, Grand-Master 1813-43, and grand uncle of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the present Most Worshipful Grand Master. This, though it has been seriously affected by the heat and smoke, there is reason to hope may be retained as a valuable relic of the past glories of the Old Hall erected more than a century since by the oldest section of the Masonic Craft in the whole civilised world. Of the interior fittings we shall have occasion to speak at some length later on. Suffice it to say here that this portion of the building, in Great Queen-street, is utterly destroyed. The magnificently-decorated roof is gone, and the wonder is, that, considering the position of the Temple and the difficulty the firemen experienced in their endeavours to cope with the flames, the rest of the premises and the adjoining Freemasons' Tavern escaped the conflagration.

Considerably over half a century elapsed before the Freemasons of England bethought themselves of erecting a special building of their own in which Grand Lodge might meet and discuss questions affecting the government of the Craft. Anterior to the year 1776 our great Masonic Diet was wont to hold its stated and emergent communications, now in the Hall of one of the great City Companies, now in some well-chosen and commodious tavern. Thus, as Preston relates in his "Illustrations of Masonry," it was at the Queen's Arms Tavern, St. Paul's Churchyard, the then headquarters of the old time-immemorial lodge of St. Paul's, now Antiquity No. 2 on the roll of Grand Lodge, that on the 24th June, 1721, Grand-Master Payne and his Grand Wardens with the former Grand Officers and the Masters and Wardens of twelve lodges, met the Grand-Master elect, His Grace the Duke of Montagu, and Grand Lodge was opened in ample form. When the proceedings of the previous communication had been duly confirmed, and several gentlemen, including Philip, Lord Stanhope, afterwards Earl of Chesterfield, initiated, Grand Lodge marched in procession in their clothing to Stationers' Hall, where the duke was formally inducted into office as Grand Master, the learned Dr. Desaguliers, a Past Grand Master, delivering an elegant oration in praise of Masonry. Other city halls and other taverns were similarly honoured, but about the year 1770 measures were taken to erect a home of its own for Grand Lodge. A subscription was raised for the purpose, a committee was appointed to superintend the management of the business, and so indefatigably was the scheme worked that on the 27th of April, 1774, the said committee were in a position to report to Grand Lodge that it had entered into a contract for the purchase of a plot of ground and premises, consisting of two large and commodious dwelling houses, with large garden attached, in Great Queen-street, the sum agreed to be paid being £3180, while the expense estimated for the erection of the Hall, it was said, would not exceed £3000. The report having met with general approbation, Lord Petre, Grand Master, and Past Grand Masters, the Dukes of Beaufort and Chandos, Earl Ferrers, and Viscount Dudley and Ward, were appointed trustees for the Society, and the conveyance of the premises aforesaid was made out in their names. In February of the year following it was agreed

to raise £5000 by a tontine in order to carry out as completely as possible the designs of the brethren, and in three months the whole sum was forthcoming. On the 1st May, 1775, the foundation-stone of the Hall was laid by Lord Petre, Grand Master, in the presence of a large and influential gathering of the brethren, and on the 23rd of May, 1776, the same Noble Grand Master had the good fortune to complete the work, which had been so happily carried out under his directing influence and zeal, by opening and personally dedicating the Hall to "MASONRY, VIRTUE, and UNIVERSAL CHARITY and BENEVOLENCE," in the presence of one of the most brilliant assemblages of the Craft that had ever been witnessed. The building thus solemnly consecrated to the use of Freemasonry is described by Preston as being of elegant proportions and design. In length it was 92 feet, in breadth 45 feet, and in height over 60 feet. The roof is said to have been, in all probability, the most highly-finished piece of workmanship in Europe, and conferred lasting honour on the architect Bro. Richard Cox. In the centre a splendid sun was represented, and around this were the twelve signs of the Zodiac with their respective characters. The pilasters on each side of the hall were fluted and otherwise beautifully decorated, the places between them being occupied with full length portraits of the following Grand Masters, namely, Lord Petre, Grand Master, 1772-76; Duke of Manchester, G.M., 1777-81; H.R.H. the Duke of Cumberland, G.M., 1782-90; his nephew, H.R.H. George Prince of Wales, G.M., 1790-1813, and Grand Patron till his death in 1830; Earl of Moira, afterwards Marquis of Hastings, K.G., Acting or Pro Grand Master, 1791-1813; H.R.H. Duke of Sussex, G.M. 1813-1843; and Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, present Grand Master. In addition to these portraits of the Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge "Moderns," and the present United Grand Lodge there were those of His Grace the Duke of Atholl, G.M. of the "Ancients" from 1775 to 1781, and for a second time from 1791 to 1813, and H.R.H. the Duke of Kent, Grand Master of the same Grand Lodge in succession to the Duke of Atholl, through whose hearty and harmonious co-operation with his brother the Duke of Sussex, ably supported, as it was, by the Earl of Moira, the schism in English Freemasonry, which had endured for some three-quarters of a century, was brought to a conclusion and our present Grand Lodge established. Besides these pictured memorials of our most distinguished brethren there was a magnificent bust of H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex, by the late Bro. Bailey, R.A., which, as a work of art, must be set down as the most valuable of all. This, as we have said, has escaped destruction; but the heat and smoke have very seriously marred its beauty, and though it will be cherished as a relic, we fear it will cease to be the accurate counterfeit presentment it was of the illustrious Prince and Mason, whose virtues it was designed to commemorate.

Of the many splendid scenes that have been witnessed within its walls we have no time or space to give more than a few brief particulars. It was here that at the Grand Festival, held on the 2nd May, 1792, His Royal Highness George Prince of Wales was installed Grand Master in the presence of his brother, the Duke of York, the Earl of Moira, whom he appointed acting Grand Master, and over 500 of the leading members of the Craft. Here—on the 13th of May, 1795—His Royal Highness again presided as Grand Master, and was accompanied by the Duke of Clarence, afterwards William IV., and Grand Patron, 1830-37. Here, at a meeting of Grand Lodge, on the 3rd of June, 1800, the Earl of Moira Acting Grand Master, delivered an admirable speech in which he warmly vindicated the Society from attacks which had then recently been made upon it by the Abbé Barruel and Professor Robison, and here it was at the same meeting that an address was unanimously voted to George III., whose life had been attempted the preceding 15th May, at Drury Lane Theatre, congratulating his Majesty on his happy escape under Providence from the bullet of the assassin. But the most memorable events associated with the late Hall belong to the year 1813. On the 27th January a most magnificent dinner was given in honour of the Earl of Moira, then under orders to proceed to India as Governor-General of that portion of the British Empire. The Duke of Sussex, D.G. Master, presided, and was supported by the Dukes of York, Clarence, Kent, Cumberland, and Gloucester and fully 500 other brethren. In the course of the evening the illustrious Chairman invested his lordship with a magnificent jewel which had been purchased by the voluntary contributions of the Fraternity to mark their sense of the splendid services the noble Earl had rendered to Freemasonry during his long tenure of the office of Acting Grand Master. And as this year was thus brilliantly inaugurated, so was it brought to a still more brilliant conclusion by the ever-memorable Act of Union of the 27th December, an event which has been so often described, that the mere allusion to it now will be sufficient. The last scene of all which deserves mention was the Special Communication held on the 15th March of last year, when Grand Lodge voted an address to the Queen, congratulating Her Majesty on the providential escape from the attempt made on her life at Windsor a short time previously. On this occasion His Royal Highness, the Grand Master, presided, and his Brothers, the Dukes of Connaught and Albany, Past Grand Wardens, took part in the proceedings.

It should be added that the regalia of Grand Lodge have escaped destruction as well as the throne used on the special occasions when the Prince of Wales presides. As to the origin of the fire, there appears to be little reason to doubt that it was owing to a huge beam which ran athwart a flue communicating with the kitchen of the Tavern, becoming ignited. It is due to Bro. H. Sadler, G. Tyler, who resides on the premises, to say that but for his early discovery of the fire the whole of the buildings would in all probability have been destroyed.

KETTE, GESELLSCHAFT DER.—Society of the Chain (also called Orden der Kette der Pilgrime, Order of the Chain of the Pilgrims). Was an androgyne order founded at Hamburg in 1758, and is said to have also existed in Jena and Helmstadt. It is said to have still existed at Copenhagen in this century, and to have established and to maintain the Institute for the Blind. It seems to have been composed of persons of high social position. Three letters—W, B, S—were used by the members in their letters as signs of recognition, and were intended to represent Willfähigkeit, Beständigkeit, and Stillschweigen—Complaisance, Constancy, and Silence. The jewel was a chain of three links with the three letters above, worn attached to a white ribbon at the top button-hole of the waistcoat. The members were called Knights of the Chain, Ritter von der Kette; their meeting was called "Union," and the assembled members "Favoriten." They took all their teaching from the habits and usages of pilgrims. It was not apparently Masonic.—*Kenning's Cyclopaedia of Freemasonry.*

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR AGED FREEMASONS

MAY ELECTION, 1883.

Your votes and interests are most earnestly solicited for  
BRO. RALPH MILWARD SMITH, Aged 62,

Who through heavy losses and failure in business, and having no private means of support, and continued bad health, is compelled to seek the benefit of the Institution. He was initiated in the Lodge of Tranquillity, No. 185, in 1856, and subsequently joined the Globe 23, Beadon 619, Prudent Brethren 145, and Grand Stewards' Lodge; was first Worshipful Master of the Crystal Palace Lodge, 742, exalted in the Polish Chapter, joined the Robert Burns, was first M.E.Z. of the Crystal Palace Chapter, and is a Life Governor of the Royal Benevolent Institution, and of the Royal Masonic Institution Girls, and Past Grand Steward.

Bro. R. M. Smith is now in St. Bartholomew's Hospital, having broken a leg in two places.

This case is strongly recommended by the following brethren:

Bro. John Bennett, P.M. 23, P.G. Steward, 12, Pall Mall.  
" A. Brodie, P.M. 188, 819, "Abdion," Peckham Park-road.  
" Henry A. Dubois, P.M. 1423, 1320, P.P.G.D.C. Middlesex, Serjeant's Inn, E.C.  
" N. Guckstein, P.M. 51, P.Z. 141, 127, Brixton-road.  
" W. Kirby, P.M. 23, 145, P.Z. 25 and 820, P.G. Steward, Brooklands, Thames Ditton.  
" Wm. Pope, P.M. 141, P.Z. 742, 29, Peacock-street, Gravesend.  
" James J. Pope, 179, P.Z. 742, 40, King's-road, Chelsea.  
" George S. States, P.M. Grand Stewards' Lodge, P.M. 173, 142, P.Z. 742, 534, 3, Whitehall-place.  
" John M. Stedwell, V.P., P.G.S., P.P.G.W. Middlesex, P.M. 23, 7, Chepstow Villas, Twickenham.  
" Henry A. Stacey, V.P., P.M. 180, 733, 753, 865, 1218, 1695, P.Z. 180, 733, 753, 34, Lincoln's Inn-fields.  
" G. F. Saunders, No. 1257 Lodge, 342, Caledonian-road.  
" Henry G. Warren, P.M. Grand Stewards' Lodge, P.M. 173, 145, P.Z. 534, 180, 309, 26, Change-alley, E.C.

Proxies will be thankfully received by the above, and Bro. R. M. Smith, 31, Thornhill-crescent, Barnsbury, N.

## ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THIRD APPLICATION.

CHARLOTTE MURUSS,

Widow of Bro. Edward Muruss, P.M., 26 years a  
Subscriber to his Lodge,

AGED EIGHTY-TWO YEARS.

A special and earnest appeal for Votes is now made for this very aged Widow, who, if not elected this time has no means of subsistence until another election. Proxies most thankfully received by Bro. J. Cruttenden, P.M., 193, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W.; Bro. Geo. Read, P.M., 1, Earl's Court-gardens, S.W.; or the Widow, 10, Warner-street, Old Kent-road, S.E.

\*\* See Case No. 29 on the Voting Paper.

## ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION FOR AGED FREEMASONS AND WIDOWS OF FREEMASONS.

MAY ELECTION, 1883.

The favour of your Votes and Interest is earnestly solicited  
on behalf of

Mrs. JANE TRIBE, Aged 63,  
Widow.

Bro. George Hen. Tribe, who was initiated in No. 604, Lytleton, New Zealand, joined No. 609, Christchurch, New Zealand, was first W.M. of No. 1241, of Ross, New Zealand, subsequently District Grand Chaplain of Westland, and District Grand Treasurer of North Island, New Zealand. Votes thankfully received by Mr. C. H. Bellingham, 415, Strand. Bro. C. J. Perceval, V.P., S, Thurlow Place.

MAY ELECTION, 1883.

## TO THE SUBSCRIBERS AND DONORS OF THE BUILDERS' BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION FOR AGED BUILDERS.

The favour of your Interest and Votes is earnestly solicited  
on behalf of

MR. J. C. CRITTENDEN, Widower, Aged 80,

And entirely without income. Your Votes are urgently  
asked in consideration of his great age.

The case is recommended by:

Sir Morton Peto, Bart., Pinner.

Messrs. Bussell, Gibbs & Co., George Kenning, Esq., Upper  
75, Wells Street, W. Sdenham.  
J. Dudley, Esq., The Palatine. W. Pasley, Esq., Edra Road,  
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W. T. EVANS, Secretary.

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Advertisements for the current week's issue are received up to Six o'clock on Wednesday evening.

### To Correspondents.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"The Herald of Health," "Triumphal," "The Jewish Chronicle," "El Taller," "La Chaine d'Union," "The Keystone," "Boletin Masonico," "The Phonographer's Meteor," "Allen's Indian Mail," "The Court Circular," "Tapis," "The Christian," "The Hebrew Leader," "The Citizen," "The Royal Cornwall Gazette," "The Natal Mercury," "The Hull Packet," "The Masonic Review."

In consequence of the unusual pressure on our space this week we are compelled to hold over a number of lodge reports, &c., which are in type, until next week, among which are the following: Hova Ecclesia Lodge, No. 1466;

Opening of District Grand Lodge, Natal; Union Waterloo Chapter, 13; Funeral of the late Bro. H. Lucia, Prov. G. Sec. Suffolk; Testimonial to R.W. Bro. Wm. Kingston, D.G.M. Malta; Metropolitan Chapter, 1507; Marlborough Lodge, 1620; St. George's Lodge, 431; York Lodge, 236; Pomfret Lodge, 360; Marquis of Lorne Lodge, 1534; Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction, 1425; Samson Lodge, 1688; Correspondence—W. H. Elliott; Wands-worth Lodge of Instruction; Consecration of the Jordan Mark Masters Lodge, 319, at Torquay; Minerva Mark Lodge, 12; Kaisar I. Hind Lodge, 1724; Conclave of Red Cross Rome and Constantine; Complimentary Concert to a Liverpool Brother.



SATURDAY, MAY 12, 1883.

### Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.—  
A SERIOUS DRAWBACK.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have been interested in the case of a widow, and have issued circulars to the subscribers. Owing to the utter impossibility of obtaining a list up to date or, to the end of 1882, I have had an immense number of circulars returned. If it be true that, as I hear, the large number of candidates has reduced the number of available lists, yet such a drawback is a very serious one. It is somewhat hard on the friends and subscribers to the Institution that they cannot obtain a list of the subscribers which is actually correct.—Fraternally yours,

A CANVASSER.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Permit me through your columns to call the attention of the subscribers of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution to the case of Mrs. Jane Tribe, No. 57. As her late husband, who was a personal friend of mine, never returned from New Zealand, where he was initiated in 1858, and died in 1877, having served a good stewardship in the Order for 19 years, and gained the esteem and respect of all who knew him, both in and out of the Craft, in which he gained by personal merit the distinguished rank of District Grand Treasurer of the North Island, New Zealand, the widow, who for some time afterwards maintained herself by school teaching and letting lodgings, of both of which occupations her nearly stone deafness has deprived her, now seeks at the hands of the Brotherhood that relief to which her husband's services justly entitle her; but, owing to the long absence of herself and our late brother, the applicant is at a great disadvantage in obtaining sympathy and support, except from those who were personally known to them, such as the undersigned, who looks with confidence to the brethren generally, and the colonial ones in particular, to help on behalf of the stranger, the exertions of, yours faithfully and fraternally,  
C. J. PERCEVAL,  
V.P., P.M. 1607, formerly 609, N.Z.  
S, Thurlow-place, S.W., May 5th.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Kindly permit me to appeal for Votes for the forthcoming election of the above Institution which will be gratefully received and faithfully applied to deserving cases in which I am interested,—I am, dear sir and brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,

E. F. STORR (alias) CHARITY STORR,

P.M. 22, and 1679, &c.

Mayday Villa, Kentish Town, May 9th, 1883.

### ORDER OF PRECEDENCE.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I agree with your correspondents that the order of precedence as laid down in the Book of Constitutions should be strictly adhered to on all occasions. Any looseness in this respect can only result in vexations and heartburnings amongst those holders of purple rank who are placed below their legitimate positions.

While this subject is on the carpet, it may not be amiss to point out that the additional Grand Officers recently constituted are not included in the Table of Precedence, at the beginning of the Revised Book of Constitutions. This appears to be an oversight, as their status, insignia, &c., are carefully described in other portions of the Book.

I notice also that the order of procession at Grand Ceremonials at the end of the present Book of Constitutions is omitted in the "Revise." I do not know whether it is intended to omit it from the amended Constitutions; but as a standard guide for Masonic processions I think its insertion desirable.

At the same time it requires a thorough overhauling, the list as it stands at present being very incomplete, and not in harmony with the Table of Precedence at the beginning of the book.

Why for instance are not Past Grand Officers of all ranks included in this list as they are in the Table of Precedence? Some are, others are not. Past Grand Officers from the Grand Supt. of Works downwards are totally ignored in it, and why in a Masonic procession the position of Prov. Grand Sword Bearer should be advanced as it is in this list, several stages from its proper place, which is next above that of Grand Organist, and placed next below the Past Grand Deacons is an anomaly I never could understand. Can any of your correspondents explain how it is?

Grand Lodge has created two Grand Standard Bearers—a very proper and dignified office. Is it too late to suggest to the worthy brethren who are considering the 800 amendments to the "Revise," that Provincial and District Grand Lodges might fitly have one Standard Bearer?

There are many provinces and districts where a Standard Bearer is a feature in grand ceremonials. As the law stands at present he cannot (unless otherwise qualified) rank as a Provincial or District Grand Officer. To my thinking he ought to take rank as such. It does not accord with the dignity attaching to the rank of a Provincial or District Grand Master that his standard should be borne by a Master Mason only.

I should rejoice to see a Provincial Standard Bearer constituted a Prov. Grand Officer, equally with the Sword Bearer, and this too in all provinces, small or large. The office obtains in the Royal Arch, and why not in the Craft.—I am, dear sir and brother, yours truly and fraternally,

A PROVINCIAL G.D.C.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Following up my remarks for which you were good enough to find space in your issue of Saturday last, I now come to the question of the position of Grand Chaplains, in which I have been anticipated by your correspondent H.E.F.

Without touching the question of the alleged superiority of spiritual to temporal office, I submit first, that a change is inadvisable as likely to cause irritation, and secondly, that a change of constitutional law is outside the prerogative of the Grand Master and within the power of Grand Lodge only, as the framers of the Constitutions.

It may be urged that by the annual appointment of two Grand Chaplains, Grand Lodge may in time find itself overweighed by such Officers. The remedy for this, however, is in the hands of the Grand Master who may, if he so wills it, continue the same brethren in office for more than one year.

On the other hand, it will probably be admitted that Grand Chaplains form a class of men who are very valuable to the Order; of good social position, of high education, and as active workers in the Masonic field, they are essentially ornaments to the Craft, and I have never heard their position in Grand Lodge cavilled against. Why then disturb them? To let well alone is an old adage, and I sincerely hope that Grand Lodge will not permit the status of Grand Chaplains to be lowered.

I have a word to add to my last letter on the subject of Grand Masters. How will an alteration in their rank in Grand Lodge affect them in Grand Chapter, if Grand Superintendents? There is no such designation as District or Provincial Grand Superintendent, and the introduction of such terms would, obviously, be out of place. How then is it proposed to mark a distinction between a Grand Superintendent at home, and a Grand Superintendent in the colonies.

DISTRICT GRAND MASTER.



"Longman's Review re-appears not stronger than before in any respect, and in some points rather more inclined to "gentle dullness." We do not think there is any special feature calling for remark, or inviting criticism.

"Temple Bar" is as usual effective in its special style and characteristic "outcome." "Mr. Gladstone's Oxford Days" are worth reading. "Belinda," "Jone Stewart," and "Uncle George's Will," no doubt have their admirers, and will be willingly perused. We can also commend "Tel-El-Kebir" and a "Strange Wooing."

The "Century" is a very striking number, but perhaps may not please so much as some that preceded it. "Pomona's Daughter" will amuse. "My Adventures in Zuni," and "Father Junipero" will be read with interest. The illustrations as usual are most effective.

"All the Year Round" is full of matter, and the Spring number has some very well written tales. "Absent minded People" is laughable, and "An Algerian Story" is thrilling, and "Mr. Scarborough's Family" and "Geoffry Stirling" still wend on their way. One is very sensational, the other is Anthony Trollope's last effort, the final production of his polished pen, and which will be read with interest and regret as such.

The "Antiquary" contains some valuable communications, though of course all such magazines are "specialities" for "specialists," "caviare" to the multi-

tude ignorant and unconcerned. The Antiquary is full of matter, and touches upon various old-world subjects agreeable and seasonable to those who call for such things. Better old friend than horse racing, pigeon shooting, &c.

MIT DEM WINKELMASSE. LOSE BLATTER ZUR FREIMAUREREI. Von Dr. JULIUS GOLDENBERG. Wien L. Rosner, 1883.

This publication, hailing from Vienna, is practically the result of addresses delivered in the Lodge "Zukunft" at Presburg, Hungary, which lodge is composed to a great extent of Viennese brethren. Curiously enough, though Freemasonry is "erlaubt" in Hungary, it is "verboten" in Vienna, and our brethren in Austria proper have to join Hungarian lodges if they wish to practise the Royal and friendly Art. At one time, Freemasonry was very flourishing in Austria and Bohemia. At a special epoch, one hundred years ago or thereabouts, the lodges in Vienna included all that was eminent in art, science, literature, and social position. The husband of Maria Theresa, the Emperor, was himself a Freemason, and attended the lodge, and Freemasonry enlisted in its service the brilliant genius of Mozart, and the fraternal sympathies of poets and painters, statesmen and soldiers. At the Emperor's death, who was not herself favourable to the Order, at least her Ministers were not, the Emperor Joseph personally attempted to regulate Freemasonry, as he did everything else. But Freemasonry must be free and independent or it cannot live. It dislikes patronage and surveillance, State interference and State control. It prefers to pursue its mission, relying on its inherent excellencies, truth, and benefits to vindicate its proceedings, and illustrate its professions. Accordingly Freemasonry languished, like the sensitive plant, and in 1794 its meetings were for bidden. In the French invasion there was a certain attempt of "a G. Loge Nationale" at Vienna; but when the Fatherland was again free from the invader this body again was suppressed. Attempts have been made of late years to reform and revive lodges in Vienna, but the Ministerial decision has been adverse to these efforts, though the position of the Craft in Hungary might have assured the most timid of Austrian statesmen, we venture to think, that there was really no fear to the "Kaiser und Kaiserthum" from the meeting in Vienna of reasonable, loyal, order-loving, and law-abiding Freemasons. We assume that the Masonic movement in Vienna was a bonâ fide one, based on the original foundation of English Freemasonry, thoroughly true in tone and teaching. We confess if it were not so, or that there was any tendency, which we do not believe, to the later and rampant ideas of the French G. Orient, if political feelings had anything to do with the Masonic programme, if the movement was, in fact, "en dolo," then we do not ourselves affect to grieve that it became a "coup manqué." We had rather have no Freemasonry at all than the wanton parody of it we see here and there. Anyhow, Bro. Goldenberg's work deserves perusal by all who understand German, not only for its effective sentences, its historical value, but the Masonic spirit which pervades it. We hope that Bro. Goldenberg's aspirations may ere long be realized, and that Freemasonry under legal permission may yet revive in the fair town of Vienna, invoking its old glories, and progress as with the times, in a religious reverence for law and order, obedience to the civil power, loyalty to the Throne, benefit for the Brotherhood, and help and healing for Humanity.

THE MAGAZINES.

Like the ceaseless labour of Sisyphus, our serials again appeal to us in their vehemence and their volubility, in their discursiveness and their dogmatism. Just now we are in a "phasis" of life and thought, of teaching and action, alike to our minds unreal and most ephemeral. We accept, not "cum grano salis" as we ought to do, the arguments of the "sophist" and the declamations of the "cynic." We quietly acquiesce in asseverations which we have not thought out, and parrot-like repeat conclusions which are illogical in themselves as coming before us as a "petitio principii," simply because some "Didaskalos Andron, as we think, has taken the trouble to put them forward, relying on the credulity or idleness of his hearers. We therefore do not concern ourselves to prove their fallacy or test their unsoundness. Ours is such a whirl of pleasure and excitement that we have no time left us to reason or reflect. There is no doubt a great charm in serial literature, in that it gives us in a quasi form of intellectualism an easy and agreeable way of passing time, but it has its great dangers in that general tendency to triviality or affectation, to a skin-deep knowledge and superficial dilettanteism which too often as we all know, develops and expand into weak and harmful teaching.

THE BIBLIOGRAPHER.

This journal of book lore is welcomed by many "Philobiblioi" amongst us, in that it treats much and effectually on subjects which are cognates to the studies and command the interests of those who are not ashamed to avow amid the "Incuria" of to-day their regard and love for old books and Dryasdustic productions.



THE LOCKE MS.

Why the Locke MS. appeared under the head of "reviews" I know not, except it be for a "printer's reason," which is generally for no reason at all. It ought to have come under "notes," and the point alluded to is a very important one. It is very important, for instance, as an historical fact, to ascertain if possible, whether the publication in the "Gentlemen's Magazine" was actually the first in time, or whether it was transcribed from a small sheet or "broadside" of which I have seen one or two copies, but have not one in my possession now. Kloss points out that nothing is proven of an alleged German original, and the document may be a compilation for the Alchemical German Rosicrucians, as has been suggested, though they are historically a little later. The only point as regards Henry VI. is his leaning to Alchemy, and though as an Historical Document the Locke MS. as Bro. Gould well puts it, is untenable for what it professes to be, it does not

follow therefore, but that it is a compilation from some existing sources whose origin and existence we have not yet been able to trace. The remarks in Huddleston's Life of Leland are so peculiar and so singular, and his quotation from the "Gentlemen's Magazine" so remarkable, when, as Keeper of the Ashmolean he could have verified the fact of the existence of the MS. and could have cleared up the mystery as to Mr. Collins, that I feel, and have always felt, very strongly, that we must still keep the subject before us, as it is clearly not exhausted, and put out of interest for the Masonic student. The idea of the document is of course a "make up;" the glossary is, there can be little doubt, fictitious, as it is most unreal; and the compiler of the document had probably some end to subserve in the allegations he makes. But if the Locke MS. be a compilation partly of the Hermetic, partly of the Masonic catechetical form, it remains for us to try and discover if we possibly can, the origin of this "Pious Fraud."

DRYASDUST.



Craft Masonry.

BATH.—Royal Cumberland Lodge (No. 41).—The last meeting of the session was held at the Masonic Hall on Thursday, May 3rd. At 7.45 p.m., the procession of officers and P.M.'s entered and took their respective chairs, thus: Bros. E. J. B. Mercer, W.M.; R. B. Cater, I.P.M.; T. P. Ashley, P.M. and P.P.G.J.W., Treas.; C. W. Radway, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., Sec.; T. Wilton, P.M., P.P.G.J.W., D. of C.; Rubie, P.M., P.P.G.J.W., S.W.; Ames, J.W.; W. Peach, S.D.; T. E. Wilton, J.D.; Reynolds, I.G.; Foote, Org.; Fortt and Sidwell, Studs.; Bigwood, Tyler. Also the following P.M.'s: Bros. T. B. Moutrie, P.P.G.S.W.; J. S. Turner, P.P.G.S.D.; P. Braham, P.P.G. Org.; R. P. Floyd, P.P.G. Reg.; F. Wilkinson, P.P.G.S. Wks.; Dr. Hopkins, P.P.G.S.W. Warwickshire. Besides these there was the usual attendance of brethren.

The lodge having been opened and the minutes of the last regular meeting and of the lodge of instruction read and confirmed, the Secretary read the following report from a meeting of the Permanent Committee:

"Brethren,—On April 26th, 1883, this lodge attained the 150th year of the granting of its Warrant. The members of the Permanent Committee having met to consider the desirability of celebrating so important an epoch in the history of this ancient lodge, they were unanimous in the opinion that so interesting an occasion should not be allowed to pass without some special effort being made.

"The question as to how or in what manner the event should be celebrated was the subject of much discussion, and after several views had been expressed, it was felt that the Charities of the Order most strongly recommend themselves to this Committee. The following resolution was unanimously agreed upon for the favourable consideration of this lodge.

"That the sum of 35 guineas be voted from the lodge funds to endow the chairs of the I.P.M., S.W., and J.W., with a vote each in perpetuity for the Boys' School.

"This vote is of course a distinctive lodge one, but your committee trust that as we are the second lodge in the provinces that can boast of an uninterrupted existence of now more than 150 years, having passed our third jubilee, the brethren generally as individuals would desire to show their appreciation of this dear old lodge by supplementing its action by personal subscriptions with the view of endowing in a similar manner the chairs of the Treas., D. of C., and Secretary, and if possible, of the Deacons and I.G.

"It is not the wish of the Permanent Committee unduly to urge this point upon the brethren, but it must not be forgotten that this lodge stands in a very proud position on the rolls of the Grand Lodge, and the proposed mode of celebration is one that must commend itself to the feelings and sympathies of all our brethren, for assuredly no other than an affirmative reply can be given to the question—'Do we not, by thus contributing to the funds of our Boys' School, help forward some of the great characteristics of Freemasonry, benevolence and charity?'

"We are not seeking to confer upon ourselves some new honour of a personal character, but assisting to strengthen that noble Institution which stands forward as the pride and beacon of joy in a Freemason's heart, with the full knowledge that we are helping to build up to further prosperity and extended usefulness this magnificent Charity, reared and matured with so much care and forethought by our ancient brethren.

"Let this be no fleeting compliment, but let us each, according to his means, give what best he can to provide the fund required for this purpose. Surely sixty guineas is not beyond the grasp of our members to celebrate so unique a period in the history of this the Royal Cumberland Lodge, No. 41, on the registry of the rolls of the Grand Lodge of England.

"With a view to mark this event for future reference, it has been suggested that a small plate engraved and showing what we had done on our third jubilee, might be affixed to the several chairs or pedestals.

"To the Royal Cumberland Lodge of Freemasons, No. 41. April, 1883."

This document having been read by the Secretary, a discussion took place, in which Bros. the Worshipful Master, Secretary, Treasurer, Immediate Past Master, the Director of Ceremonies, T. Wilkinson, P.M., and Dr. Hopkins, took part, resulting in a resolution that a donation of thirty-five guineas be made to the funds of the Boys' School at Wood Green, in celebration of the 150th anniversary of the foundation of the lodge, thus completing the sum requisite to constitute No. 41 a Vice-President, and that this be an endowment of the chairs of the I.P.M. and Wardens.

Bro. Radway again rose, and urgently pressed a proposal that the other six chairs should be similarly endowed by a subscription among the members, which was seconded by the Treasurer, and passed, the W.M., Wardens, I.P.M., Secretary, the Director of Ceremonies, and two junior members to be chosen by them being a committee to carry out the resolution. It was understood that the committee were to aim at the endowment of each of the six chairs, in

addition to the first three endowed by the former resolution. Thus the total sum of ninety-five guineas would be raised for the Charities in commemoration of the sesquicentennial of the lodge, rather than devote it to a banquet or other such personal gratification.

Bro. Moody passed a lengthy and most satisfactory examination, and was raised to the rank of M.M. by the W.M., the traditional history being given by Bro. Dr. Hopkins, and the working tools explained by Bro. T. G. Brown. It is worthy of remark that eleven Past Masters besides the W.M. attended, only two of those resident in Bath being absent, and this especially noticeable on the present occasion, showing the vitality of this old lodge, and the interest which those who in past years have directed its proceedings still exhibit when a special effort is required to carry out the leading principles of the Order. The lodge was then closed in the usual form.

**GIBRALTAR.**—Lodge of Friendship (No. 278).—Saturday, the 21st ult., was a red-letter day for this lodge, as it was the occasion of the initiation of a lewis—Mr. W. H. Cottrell, eldest son of our distinguished and respected Bro. W. Foulkes Cottrell, P.M. 278, P.D.G. S.W., P.Z. 278, P.M.M. 278, P.E.P. K.T., P.E.P. K.N., P.M.W.S., 18, &c. There were present on this memorable occasion Bros. W. F. Roberts, W.M.; W. D. Kennedy, I.P.M.; W. F. Cottrell, P.M.; T. Haynes, P.M.; J. Haynes, P.M.; Valerino, P.M.; Gomez, P.M.; Cavanra, P.M.; J. Franceri, D.G.S., P.M.; R. C. Healy, S.W.; J. H. Bryant, J.W.; W. H. Bullock, Chap.; J. Speed, Treas.; B. Culatto, S.D.; W. Thornton, J.D.; W. Stevens, D.C.; J. King, Org.; H. Cresswell, I.G.; Peterkin, Tyler; Wood, Johnson, Dobranich, and Popper. Visitors: Bros. C. V. de Santz, 515; Wilson, 1789; Houghton, 153; Hall, 153; Phillips, 153; Todd, 743; Howard, 153; Segui, 576; Whitehead, 670; and Parral, 576.

The lodge having been duly opened the brethren proceeded to ballot for Mr. W. H. Cottrell (for whom a special dispensation had been granted by the D.G.M., he being underage) as a candidate for initiation, which proved unanimous.

Bro. Roberts, W.M. then vacated the chair and requested Bro. W. F. Cottrell, P.M., to initiate his own son, which duty he performed in his usual faultless manner, but it was evident to all that he felt his position acutely; the ceremony was most impressive, and was very much enhanced by some appropriate music introduced by Bro. King, Organist.

The lecture on the tracing board by Bro. R. C. Healy, S.W., and the charge by Bro. J. H. Bryant, J.W., were all that could be desired. Bro. Cottrell, P.M., then gave a short final address, riveting the attention of the candidate and the brethren, and concluded by saying "ere long my son you will have occasion to say, in becoming a Mason I truly became the man, and while I breathe I will never disgrace a jewel that kings may prize."

"Hearty good wishes" and a prosperous career to the candidate, proposed by the Visiting Brethren brought this unusual and interesting meeting to a conclusion, and the lodge was duly closed with solemn prayer by the W.M.

The brethren then retired to the banquet room, where the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to.

"The Health of the Initiate, Bro. W. H. Cottrell," was next proposed by the W.M., Bro. Roberts, who forcibly enjoined the candidate to follow in the footsteps of his father, who had proved himself a worthy, zealous, and highly distinguished member of the Craft.

Bro. Cottrell, jun., returned thanks in appropriate terms, when Bro. Healy, S.W., proposed "The Health of the Visitors," and availed himself of the opportunity of bearing his testimony to the highly Masonic virtues and ability of Bro. W. F. Cottrell, P.M.

Several other toasts were proposed and responded to, which brought an excellent evening to a close.

**COCKERMOUTH.**—Skiddaw Lodge (No. 1002).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening the 1st inst., Bro. H. Peacock, W.M. in the chair. The minutes of previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. Joseph Sewell which proved unanimous, and he was duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. There being no other business the lodge was duly closed according to ancient custom. The W.M. invited the brethren (of which there was rather an unusual large gathering present) to partake of refreshment in the ante-room where a very pleasant and enjoyable evening was spent.

**LOWESTOFT.**—St. Margaret's Lodge (No. 1452).—This lodge held a special meeting at the Masonic Rooms, on the 26th ult., for the purpose of hearing Bro. James Stephens, P.M., P.Z., of London, deliver his lecture explanatory of the ritual and working of the First Degree in Craft Masonry. There was a large attendance of brethren, many of whom undertook journeys from surrounding districts. The lodge was opened by W. Bro. H. J. Eastaugh, W.M., and amongst those present were Bros. H. W. H. Elwes, S.W.; G. Bush, J.W.; J. B. Blackmore, Chaplain, S.D.; W. W. Garnham, P.P.G.S.W. Suffolk, Sec.; T. S. Jeanne; J. J. Owles, J.W. 313; W. B. Cooper, W.M. 71; A. E. Smith, P.M. 388, S.W. 1983; R. W. Canova, 334; W. J. Everitt, 71; J. Blackburn; E. P. Youell, P.P.G.S.W. Sussex, P.G.T., W.M. 1631; H. W. Youell, 1631; J. Tomlinson; J. T. Bunn, 213; F. C. Kersey, 71; D. W. Harvey, 71; J. Vincent; T. C. Allerton, 71; Jas. Tennant, P.G.S. of W., I.P.M. 71; J. R. Freeman, 71; E. Parker, J.W. 71; W. J. Wilton, 71; R. W. Saul, P.P.G.S.B., P.M. 71; W. B. Page, P.M. 71; R. A. Crack, 71; W. J. Rayment, I.G. 71; C. Roby, 71; J. Foster, 71; J. Henderson, Treas. 71; S. Fennell, 71; J. Fryster, Sec. 71; J. C. Welham, 71; George Bowes, P.M. 305; W. Pemson, W.M. 936; H. W. Parker, P.P.G.D., P.M. 360; J. Hodgson, S.W. 71; and others.

The Worshipful Master having introduced the lecturer to the meeting, bespeaking their earnest attention on his behalf.

Bro. Stevens thanked the brethren for the encouragement afforded by their attendance in such numbers and proceeded with his lecture, the design of which appears to be to induce reflection by earnest workers of Freemasonry in respect of many errors and anachronisms which have of late years crept into its ritual and mode of working. The entire ceremonies of the First Degree are ably rehearsed, and attention directed to the numerous diver-

gencies in practice which are to be found in various lodges. These are commented upon and reasons are given for their continuance or rejection. So numerous were the points to which Bro. Stevens directed the attention of his audience, and so interesting his remarks thereon, that for upwards of two hours, with a short interval of "calling off," the brethren listened intently. At the conclusion of the lecture W. Bro. W. Woolner Garnham, P.P.G.S.W. of the province, expressed his thorough appreciation of the valuable information which had been afforded, and his agreement with most of the arguments the lecturer had set forth, which was supported by Bro. E. P. Youell, P.P.G.S.W., P.G. Treas. Suffolk. Their remarks were endorsed by other brethren, and the thanks of the meeting and honorary membership of the lodge were unanimously voted to Bro. Stevens; the hope being expressed that he would again at some convenient opportunity repeat his visit.

After the lodge had been closed a social hour was passed before the brethren separated.

**FRIZINGTON.**—Arlecdon Lodge (No. 1660).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 2nd inst., Bro. Jordan Ashworth, W.M., in the chair, supported by Bros. D. Bell, S.W.; B. Craig, J.W.; J. Bewlay, Sec.; J. Banks, S.D.; F. T. Allatt, J.D.; Chas. Gowan, I.G.; J. Johnston, Tyler; Wm. Martin, P.M.; Geo. Dalrymple, P.M., P.G.D.C.; R. T. Wilson, P.M.; J. J. Robinson, P.M., W.M. 1989, P.P.G.T.; J. F. Kirkconel, P.M., P.G. Stwd.; R. Baxter, P.M.; Dr. Lace, R. Black, J. Harper, Geo. Lowden, J. McMullin, W. J. Harvey, Geo. Hodgson, E. Gibson, J. Peel, J. Routledge, J. Dickson, and R. Kerr, 252 (S.C.)

On the confirmation of the minutes, the chief business on the agenda was the election of Master, and Bro. Dickson to receive the Third Degree. All eligible for the chair having withdrawn their names, except Bros. Harper and Bell (both general favourites), a keen contest was at once anticipated, when Bro. James Harper was declared W.M. elect for the ensuing year by the small majority of two, one brother having walked nine miles to record his vote. Where is the grand old spirit of Masonry but in the sinews of Cumberland and Westmorland? Bro. Dickson was then raised to the Third Degree by Bro. Baxter, whose working, to say the least of it, is just perfection. On the motion of Bro. Dalrymple, supported by Bro. Ashworth, a sum of 10 guineas was voted to Bro. G. J. McKay's Stewardship. One candidate was proposed for initiation; when, with "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed in form and good harmony.

**PORTSMOUTH.**—Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge (No. 1903).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Highbury-street, on Wednesday, the 2nd inst. There were present W. Bros. T. Page, W.M. and W.M. elect; H. W. Townsend, P.M., P.G.D., I.P.M.; H. Threadingham, P.M., Treas.; A. L. Emanuel, P.M., P.P.G.D., Sec.; Johns, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., acting S.W., in the absence of Bro. Col. Bray, through serious illness; Bros. J. Martyn, J.W.; Lieut. W. Latham-Cox, S.D.; Dr. Wm. Royston Pike, acting J.D.; H. Long, I.G.; G. Sylvester, Org.; Sam Knight and G. Backler, Stewards; W. Bros. J. R. Wilson, P.M.; S. G. T. Bourke, R.N., P.M.; R. Rastrick, P.M., P.G. Treas.; Sir Henry Drummond Wolff, M.P., P.M.; Bros. T. F. Wilton, P.P.G.O.; G. L. Green, R. W. Scott Rogers, R.N., J. A. Pigott, D.A.A.G., R. F. Lindsell, G. M. Nelder, F. J. Lambe, Simon Hyne, T. Bell, H. J. Chalcraff, J. G. Livesay, A. E. Elmes, T. W. Woods, Harry Lane, C. Reader, W. Maybourn, and W. H. H. Montessor, R.N. The visitors included Bros. W. M. Outridge, W.M. 487; J. Wodehouse, W.M. 928; General Hodgson, P.D.G.W. Madras; W. E. Atkins, W.M. 1069; J. M. Laverty, R.N., W.M. 1428; H. Kimber, W.M. 804; W. Beale, I.P.M., and W. H. Biggs, 487; R. Brown, 359; F. Powell, I.P.M. 903; J. Coulter, P.M. 20; H. J. Dockrell, Victoria IV.; G. Grant, P.M. 1705; W. H. Santo, 1428; W. M. Chalcraff, 1705; T. H. Williams, W.M., and R. E. Buckle, 1776; T. B. Hammond and P. H. Emanuel, S.D. 1069 (Freemason).

The balance sheet for the year was read and adopted, and showed a gross receipt, including the balance of £42 10s. 8d. brought forward from the last account, of £386 5s. 8d.; and the expenditure amounted to £298 19s., leaving a cash balance in favour of the lodge of £87 6s. 8d. There was a sum of £10 7s. due for joining fees and subscriptions, which, if added to the cash balance, would make a total of £97 13s. 8d. The general balance sheet showed that the assets were £152, whilst the outstanding liabilities were nil. The sheet, therefore, may be considered very satisfactory. Mr. Arthur Long was initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Order, and Bro. Page, the retiring W.M., who had been unanimously re-elected, was installed by the acting I.P.M., Bro. Townsend, P.G.D., in a manner that is not heard at every such ceremony. The minutes details were given, even to the explanation of each officer's office.

The W.M. then appointed and invested with their badges of office the following brethren as officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Right Hon. Lord Charles Beresford, I.P.M.; W. Latham Cox, S.W.; H. Long, J.W.; Rev. P. H. Good, M.D., Chap.; H. Threadingham, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. of Wks., Treas.; A. L. Emanuel, P.P.G.D. Sec.; Dr. W. Royston Pike, S.D.; G. Nelder, J.D.; Sam Knight, D. of C.; Geo. Sylvester, R.N., Org.; A. E. Elmes, I.G.; J. G. Livesay, and Captain Pigott, D.A.A.G. Stwds.; Mansell and Carter, Tylers.

The W.M. proposed a vote of thanks to the Installing Master who he said had given the very impressive ceremony as was seldom heard. This was seconded by the S.W., and carried unanimously.

Bro. Townsend briefly returned thanks.

Bro. Page thanked the brethren for the honour they had conferred upon him by the unanimously electing him as W.M. for the second time. He regretted that through the sudden illness of Bro. Col. Bray, S.W., he (Bro. Page) was placed in that position. Had it been otherwise Bro. Bray would doubtless have occupied the royal chair. Bro. Page promised he would do all in his power to give the brethren every satisfaction.

Bro. A. L. Emanuel read a telegram from Bro. Lord Charles Beresford expressing regret of his being unable to attend, and conveying his best wishes to the W.M. and the lodge. The Secretary also read a letter from Mrs. Bray, acknowledging receipt of a letter of sympathy from the lodge.

Bro. Threadingham, P.M., advanced to the W.M. and

said he claimed the indulgence of the brethren while he attempted to discharge a duty which had been pressed upon him owing to the unavoidable absence of the I.P.M. They all knew the circumstances which had led to the taking of the chair for the second time by Bro. Page, and it was only necessary for him to remark that the lamentable fact of Bro. Bray being stricken down by the stern hand of affliction, just about the time that he would have been elected to fill the chair, threw them into a dilemma, from which they were relieved by Bro. Page. Not only had he done this, but he was given to understand that he had added 20 guineas to the sum voted by the lodge in order to swell the funds of the Institution for Girls. Many of them had on several occasions listened with no small degree of pleasure and delight to the excellent and efficient manner in which the general business of the various degrees performed by Bro. Page, and because he had thus added materially to their Masonic edification they had thought the termination of his first year of office a fitting opportunity to present him with some tangible mark of their appreciation. In asking him to accept the beautiful jewel which he held in his hand, he was sure he only expressed the feelings of all present when he trusted that T.G.A.O.T.U. would be pleased to spare him many years to enjoy his well-earned popularity, and by his square conduct, level steps, upright intentions, gain a triumphant entry into the Grand Lodge of Heaven. Bro. Threadingham then read the inscription on the jewel as follows: "Presented by the members of the Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge, No. 1903, to Bro. T. Page, on his second installation as W.M., as a token of their sense of his Masonic attainments, genial character, and able conduct in presiding over them.—1882-83." Amidst the hearty applause of the brethren, Bro. Threadingham affixed the jewel on the breast of the W.M.

Bro. Page said that in rising to express his hearty and sincere thanks for the very beautiful jewel the brethren had been good enough to present him. Words failed to express what he felt on the present occasion, or to convey in terms he should wish his high appreciation of the kindness of the brethren for the past 12 months that he had had the honour to preside over the lodge. He could without fear of contradiction say that he had received from the brethren every consideration and assistance, and his duties had been very much lightened, and again having undertaken the office of W.M. for another year, and he did so with the assurance that his conduct merited their approval, as evinced by the very handsome testimonial. That jewel would be highly preserved and appreciated by him to the latest day of his existence. In conclusion he assured the brethren that every effort on his part should be used to uphold the honour, promote the welfare, and maintain the high reputation which the lodge at present holds.

The lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room and partook of a very sumptuous banquet, catered by Messrs. Maybourn, after which the loyal toasts were given, as also that of "The Rt. Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master; the Earl of Lathom, D.P.G.M., and Officers of Grand Lodge."

Bro. Sir Henry Drummond Wolff, M.P., P.M., who was enthusiastically received on rising, said that the next toast had been confided in him, and it was a great pleasure to bring it under their notice, because it referred not only to a distinguished Mason, who was locally connected with them in that province, but to one who was the representative of a portion of that county in Parliament, and whatever opinions might be entertained of his political views, was certain that everything he did was entitled to respect that was due to one who acted conscientiously. He recollected when the lodge was constituted, two years ago, how they were all struck with the great ability with which Bro. Beach discharged the duties of his office. Because not only did he go through the ceremonies which were time-honoured amongst Masons, but he added reflections of his own, and gave an historical retrospect of the many matters connected with the Craft in this province which was quite original and interesting. He could easily understand that Bro. Beach liked sometimes to get away from the struggles of political life to the calmer and more harmonious atmosphere of Masonic existence. He recollected that many years ago the late Lord Beaconsfield in a speech at the Literary Fund dinner, which took place during a great political conflict, said he felt as one who had come away from the heat of a battle to drink the water of some placid stream. Coming from a place where all was not harmonious, and where the proceedings occasionally gave rise to a bitterness which those at a distance would scarcely believe possible, he (Bro. Wolff) confessed that when he witnessed the harmony and good feeling that reigned in a Masonic community he felt the contrast as one of the highest possible advantage. It was for this reason among others that he thought Bro. Beach attended so much to his Masonic duties, in order to develop the good of which Masonry was capable in the county to which he belonged, and as long as he reigned over them as the head of their Masonic institutions in Hampshire, he was certain they would all drink to his health, whether present or absent, with enthusiasm and good fellowship. He therefore proposed "The Health of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Bro. W. B. Beach, M.P."

Bro. Dr. W. Royston Pike, in proposing "The R.W. Deputy Grand Master, Bro. W. Hickman, and Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge," referred to them as being the centres of a secret society that was a credit to society, as they comprised true and honest men.

Bro. Rastrick, P.M., P.G. Treas., responded, and replied that the Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge were brethren who took great interest in Freemasonry. What had been done in the past would be done in the future for the welfare of the province and the Order.

Bro. Townsend, P.M., said that 12 months ago he had the honour of installing Bro. Page, and he prophesied then a prosperous year. Bro. Page had carried out his duties as it should be, and had merited approval, as was shown by the presentation of a handsome jewel. As long as the lodge remained under his ruling it would continue to prosper.

Bro. Page in reply said he could find no words to express for the treatment he had received. Placing him in the chair was a proof that his ruling had merited approval. He could assure them that the brethren should never have cause to complain, and when he left the chair the lodge should hold the same dignity as it then held.

"The Health of the Initiate" was proposed by the Worshipful Master.



Bro. A. Long returned thanks, saying he felt proud to become a member of the Order, and also to be initiated in such a lodge. He would never regret finding the light of Freemasonry. He would, as the W.M. had advised him, follow the footsteps of his father, and strive to obtain the highest position he could possibly attain.

Bro. Lieut. Bourke, P.M., proposed "The Installing Master," and remarked how wonderfully impressive the installation ceremony had been given. From experience, he knew how hard it was to work up a ritual that is only heard occasionally. It was something to be proud of to be installed like Bro. Townsend had performed. He looked upon Bro. Townsend as his introducer into Masonry, for it was he that first gave him office. Bro. Bourke felt some diffidence in speaking, as he invariably made a fool of himself. Speaking conscientiously, a better worker than Bro. Townsend there could not be. He had shown great perseverance and sheer hard work, as it required some brains to learn like he had done. He (Bro. Bourke) was at present working up the Mark ritual, and no one but those who was a Past Master knew the woes and troubles to work the ritual up, and he hoped he had the sympathies of the brethren. What was more perfect than the ceremony heard that night. Bro. Townsend was a Mason in spirit as well as word. He was the father he might say of the lodge, and it was owing to his energy and perseverance that they had surmounted the many difficulties and troubles that would have disheartened many another. He had shown himself a thorough good Mason and a right good man.

Bro. Townsend is response said he felt proud when he looked back to the last two years. It was out of the common to find a lodge at that time to have over 100 members, and such a good balance sheet. He took an interest in the work and it was a sense of pleasure and pride to him for the kind hearty way in which he had been spoken and approved of.

Bro. Threadingham proposed "The W.M.'s and representatives of neighbouring lodges," and said it was a very important toast, and there was in their midst a very distinguished brother and one who had been the W.M. of a foreign lodge. He referred to Bro. Sir Henry Drummond Wolff, P.M. He knew something of the working of lodges in different parts of the world. They not only found him stealing a few hours from parliamentary life and struggles, but associating himself with the brethren of the Craft. He was very glad to see so many representatives present as it served to cement them as good Masons and good feelings amongst them.

Bro. Outridge, W.M. 487, remarked that he had never seen a lodge worked better, and he decidedly had benefited by it.

Bro. Atkins, W.M. 1069, referred to the fact that £50,000 a year was given away by the Craft in charity. He was proud of being a member of an Order that had existed nearly 6000 years, and congratulated the lodge upon its prosperity.

Bro. Grant, W.M. 1705, said he congratulated himself upon being present to see so perfectly worked a lodge, and said the Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge was the model of what a lodge should be.

Bro. Williams, W.M. 1776, also responded, and made an appeal as Steward on behalf of the Boys' School, and remarked that he had received upwards of 250 guineas, and expressed a hope that it would reach up to 300 guineas.

Bro. Page said he rose to propose the health of one who had said he felt honoured by coming so many miles to be present. It was, he considered, a tribute of brotherly love, and asked the brethren to drink heartily and cordially to "The Health of Bro. Sir H. D. Wolf." This was done amid loud cheering.

Bro. Sir Henry D. Wolff, M.P., P.M., said it must always be gratifying to him, connected as he was with the borough of Portsmouth, to have his health received so kindly as it had been that evening. No doubt there were present brethren holding different views, and Lord Palmerston once said it was very safe in a mixed society to drink the health of a politician, because those who sympathised with him wished him health to continue his functions, while those who did not sympathise with him thought his health might be improved by assisting him to retire. He much regretted last year not being able to come down to the installation of the W.M., for having been present at the installation of their first Master he had hoped to be able to be there several years in succession. A worthy brother had alluded to his being Master of a lodge abroad. Certainly he had been so, he was sorry to say, a great many years ago. But although it was in a foreign place—Corfu—the lodge was working under the English constitution. He then had the satisfaction of making many friendships among members of the two services who were so warmly welcomed and so much beloved in Portsmouth, and he was hardly able to come to Portsmouth without meeting some friend whom he had met in a distant country. He had, therefore, conceived a higher idea of Freemasonry than he had before, because he had found that through it brethren had obtained society and a home when perhaps otherwise they would have been deprived of it. The lodge was enabled more than once to be of assistance to brethren who, owing to adverse circumstances, had fallen into distress, and was enabled to render aid without that humiliation which sometimes came when it was received from private sources. Perhaps they would allow him to propose another toast—"The Immediate Past Master, the Right Hon. Lord C. Beresford." It struck him as peculiarly appropriate that Lord Charles Beresford should have been the first Master of the Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge, because he as a naval man was Master of a lodge which bore the name of a beloved military officer. He thought Prince Edward must feel highly pleased that his name should be associated, as it would be for many generations with that lodge, for it was one proof of the great popularity which he and his admirable Princess had gained in this town. They knew that since the inauguration of the lodge and the installation of Lord Charles Beresford he had gone through a great many vicissitudes, and without speaking in terms too flattering of him, he could say that from all they had heard—and he had seen many who met him during his distinguished service in Egypt—his genial qualities, his merry good nature, and his friendliness to all were no less conspicuous than his gallantry.

Bro. Page then made an appeal as one of the Stewards to the forthcoming festival on behalf of the Girls' School, remarking that the boys could obtain a living for themselves, whereas the girls could not so easily, thereby showing that the girls wanted more than the boys. He had nearly 100 guineas, and wanted as much more as he could

get. Subsequently Bro. Gen. Hodgson gave £1 1s., and Bro. Williams gave £5 5s. in the name of his wife.

Bro. A. S. Emanuel proposed "The Health of the Visitors," and remarked that not one lodge night had passed but what they had had visitors, who were heartily welcomed. He coupled the name of Bro. Gen. Hodgson with the toast.

Bro. General Hodgson, P.D.G.W. Madras, thanked Bro. Emanuel for the kind way he had spoken of him, and also for the reception. He said he had visited many lodges in different parts of the world, and could place this one as second to none.

The toast of "The Officers," proposed by the W.M., and responded to by Bro. W. Latham Cox, concluding a very pleasant evening.

Bros. Sylvester, Lane, Cox, Reader, Rogers, Santo, Townsend, Montessor, and P. H. Emanuel sang several songs during the evening, and Bro. W. Royston Pike gave a recitation.

## INSTRUCTION.

**PERCY LODGE (No. 198).**—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., on the 5th inst., when there were present Bros. Ashton, W.M.; Capstick, S.W.; Venning, J.W.; Wolf, S.D.; Weedon, J.D.; Hatch, I.G.; J. C. Cohen, acting Preceptor; Fenner, acting Secretary; and Lorkin, Treas.; also Bros. Houghton, Lone, Manger, and Galer.

Lodge was opened in due form with prayer, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Lone having offered himself a candidate the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Cohen then worked the first and second Sections of the Lecture assisted by the brethren. Bro. Capstick was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. After sundry communications had been read by the Secretary, the lodge was closed in ancient form and adjourned.

**UNITED PILGRIMS LODGE (No. 507).**—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E., on Friday, the 4th inst., Bro. Henry Baldwin, W.M. There were present amongst others Bro. Sarjeant, S.W.; Phillips, J.W.; R. Poore, Sec.; James Stevens, P.M. and Preceptor; A. Jones, S.D.; J. N. Bate, J.D.; C. S. Wiltshire, I.G.; M. Francis, E. Stokes, and others. The ceremony of Initiation was rehearsed, and Bro. Sarjeant delivered the charge. The First and Fourth Sections were worked by the brethren assisted by Bro. Francis. Lodge was called off for entry drill, Bro. R. Poore very effectively acting as drill master. Lodge was called on and Bro. Sarjeant having been elected W.M. for the ensuing week, the lodge was closed in perfect harmony and adjourned.

**HULL.**—Humber Lodge (No. 57).—A special meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Osborne-street, on Friday, the 27th ult., for the purpose of hearing Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., give his lecture on the ritual and ceremony of the First Degree. The W.D. P.G.M., J. P. Bell, J.P., M.D., occupied the W. Master's chair. The Rev. H. W. Kemp, M.A., W.M. 250, acted as S.W.; and Bro. Forder, W.M. 1010, as J.W. There were also present the following Masters and Past Masters: Bros. A. King, 57; R. Beevers, 57; W. B. Hay, M.D., P.P.G.S.D.; George Wilson, P.P.G.J.D.; M. Haberland, Prov. G.J.D.; G. L. Shackles, 1511, Prov. G.S.D.; Thos. Hewson, P.P.G.T.; W. Keyworth, P.P.G.S. of W.; A. Ansell, P.P.G.S.B.; F. A. Hopwood, P.P.G.D.C., 1010; H. Preston, P.P.G.D.; Thos. Sissons, 1010, P.P.G. Reg.; M. C. Peck, Prov. G. Sec.; G. Hardy, 250, P.P.G.S.D.; R. E. Harrison, P.P.G. Org.; W. Cheeseman, 611, Prov. G. Org.; J. K. Ansdale, 1611, Prov. G.S.B.; W. Gillett, 1611; D. J. O'Donoghue, J. W. Holmes, G. Storey, Prov. G. Org.; Cockin, Dimsdale, Hall, Kemp, Feetham, Pexton, Norris, Ganderton, Rutter, Thyer, Dyson, Wildbore, Shaw, Oates, Masterman, Balty, Gray, Foster, Brown, Linwood, Fletcher, Voight, Logan, J.W. 1010; Bennett, S.W. 1611; Davis, Fowler-Sutton, Shearson, Towler, Westerman, Whiteside, Welton 1511; Wilson, 1511; Harrison, Whitfield, Clayton, Longley, Moll, Hogg, Highmore, and others. The lodge having been opened in the First Degree Bro. Bell in briefly introducing Bro. Stevens, stated that the lecture had been given at various lodges in the South and neighbourhood of London with great success, and he was very glad that the honour of first introducing Bro. Stevens to the North for the purpose of giving this lecture had been achieved by this Past Masters' lodge of instruction he considered that by such a course a lodge of instruction as the one in question, was taking its proper position, in enquiring into, ascertaining, and correcting divergencies of ritual, if by so doing no alterations were made in the established landmarks of the Order.

Bro. Stevens then proceeded with the lecture, prefacing it with a few remarks to the effect that the observations he was about to make were his individual opinions alone, and as he claimed a certain latitude of opinion for himself, so he could not but allow a similar latitude to others.

The lecture, which occupied upwards of two hours, was listened to with great attention, some of the remarks receiving a considerable amount of applause and approval.

At the conclusion, after discussing a few points of divergence of ritual W. Bro. Dr. Bell in moving a vote of thanks to Bro. Stevens said that every one present must have been struck with and he hoped would carry away with him some portion of the lecture to meditate on and digest, and if by that means a few of the inaccuracies in the working of the different lodges in the province, one of the aims and wishes of the founders of that Installed Masters' lodge of instruction under whose auspices the lecture had been given, would in some measure be accomplished.

The Rev. H. W. Kemp, M.A., S.W., having seconded the proposal the motion was carried with acclamation.

Bro. Stevens having briefly responded the lodge was closed and the brethren retired, well satisfied at having spent such an enjoyable evening.

## Royal Arch.

**INVICTA CHAPTER (No. 10).**—A convocation of this chapter was held on Friday, the 20th ult., at 33, Golden-square. The M.W.S. was too ill to attend so the

chapter was opened by Ill. Bro. W.M. Bywater, 30°, who performed the ceremony in a most able and impressive manner. There were present: Bros. G. Lambert, 32°; James Glaisher, 32°; Magnus Ohren, 32°; J. Hughes, 30°; P. Laird, G. F. Legg, W. G. Lemon, G. Mickleby, G. Powell, Recorder; John Read, Org.; C. W. Thompson, Major Dunbar, H. Lovegrove, W. Reeves, and others. The only visitor was Bro. the Rev. Stanton Moses. Bros. R. J. Mills, A. L. Bowen and J. Greenfield were perfected. It was announced that the chapter would celebrate its 25th anniversary in December next.

After the conclusion of the business the companions adjourned to a banquet at the Royal Hotel, Rupert-street.

**ST. DUNSTAN'S CHAPTER (No. 1589).**—This chapter met for the dispatch of business at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 25th ult., when there were present among others Comp. T. C. Walls, P.P.G.D.C. Middx., the M.E.Z.; W. Lake, P.P.G.R. Cornwall; H. Tinney, P.Z., acting J.; Alfred Tisley, S.E.; G. Manners, C.C., S.N.; H. Dalwood, P.Z., Treas.; W. Farrington, Org.; J. H. Dodson, P.Z.; Col. Radcliffe, P.Z. (hon. member); Harrison, acting Janitor; Low, Clemow, C. Brown, W. E. Farrington, F. Farrington, S. Skelton, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken upon behalf of Bro. F. J. Elliot, 1589, and W. Phelps, 1708, and it proving to be unanimous, those brethren were duly exalted to the degree of R.A., by the M.E.Z. The election of officers then took place with the following result: Comp. W. Lake, M.E.Z.; Turner, H.; G. Manners, J.; A. Tisley, S.; E. Bristowe, S.N.; F. Clemow, P.S.; H. Dalwood, Treas.; and H. Gilbert, Janitor. A notice of motion by the M.E.Z. "That the present night of meeting be altered to the fourth Tuesday in April, May, and June" was discussed and it having been seconded, was put and carried nem. con. The Audit Committee having been appointed, and a Past Principal's jewel awarded to the M.E.Z. the consecration was duly closed and the companions adjourned to the banquet. Before the removal of the cloth, the customary toasts were duly honoured.

"The Health of the M.E.Z." was proposed by the I.P.Z. in flattering terms.

The M.E.Z. having responded, then gave "The Exaltees," which drew from Comps. Elliot and Phelps able replies.

The toast of "The M.E.Z. elect," followed. In response Comp. Lake after thanking the companions for the honour they had done him by unanimously voting him to the chair of First Principal, said that although he had enjoyed some years ago the distinction of being elected in another chapter as M.E.Z., yet circumstances had prevented him subsequently from accepting the office. In the present instance he hoped that nothing untoward would occur to preclude him from filling the chair of 1589, the duties of which he would endeavour to discharge to the best of his poor ability.

"The Past Principals" was acknowledged by Comp. Dodson.

"The Treasurer and S.E." by Comps. Dalwood and Tisley; and "The Officers" by Comp. F. Clemow.

The proceedings shortly afterwards terminated.

## Mark Masonry.

**SUNDERLAND.**—Union Lodge (No. 124).—The annual meeting of the above lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Park-terrace, on the 26th ult., for the purpose of installing Bro. T. M. Watson, W.M. for the ensuing year and the investiture of officers. Amongst the brethren present were Bros. T. Y. Strachan, D.P.G.M.M. (Installing Master); T. J. Armstrong, P.M., P.G.J.W.; J. G. Youll, P.P.G.S.; J. Wood, P.M. 48; W. Brandt, I.P.M., P.P.I.G.J.; T. Twizell, P.M., P.P.J.D.; M. Frampton, P.M., P.P.S.O.; J. S. Pierson, P.M., P.P.S.O.; F. Maddison, P.M., P.P.M.O.; and W. Liddell, P.M., P.P.M.O.

The W.M. elect was then installed by Bro. Strachan, the ceremony being very ably and impressively performed. The following officers were then invested: Bro. Coxon, P.P.J.G., S.W.; R. Kinmond, J.W.; M. H. Dodd, M.O.; C. McNamara, S.O.; T. Pinkney, Pinkney, J.O.; J. R. Pattison, R. of M.; M. Frampton, P.M., Treas.; W. Pinkney, Hon. Sec.; H. S. Halvorsen, S.D.; H. Pinkney, J.D.; H. Wrightson, I.G.; and W. Brown, Tyler.

A letter was read from the P.G.M., Bro. Canon Tristram, LL.D., regretting his inability to attend owing to illness.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Palatine Hotel for dinner, which was presided over by the newly-installed W.M., Bro. T. M. Watson.

**TWICKENHAM.**—Sir Francis Burdett Chapter (No. 1503).—The installation meeting of this properous chapter was held under the most favourable auspices at the Albany Hotel, on the 26th ult. Among those in attendance were Comps. W. Taylor, M.E.Z.; C. Rushworth, P.P.G.R. Middx., H., M.E.Z. elect, and Treas.; W. H. Saunders, J.; Raymond Thrupp, P.G.H. of Middx., &c., I.P.Z.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.D.C. Middx., S.E.; R. H. Saunders, S.N.; S. Saunders, acting P.Z.; Smiles, 2nd Assist. S.; Cane, P.P.G.S.N. Middx., I.P.Z.; and Lane, acting Janitor. The visitors were Comps. Clark and Proffitt.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken upon behalf of Bros. the Rev. R. F. Hosken, M.A., S.W. 1820, G. W. Speth, P.M. 129, and W. E. M. Tomlinson, M.P. 1610, and it proved to be unanimous in each case. At this stage of the proceedings the R.W.P.G.S. of Middx., Comp. Col. Sir Francis Burdett was announced and was received with the customary honours. The ceremony of exalting Bros. Hosken, Speth and Tomlinson was then most ably performed by the M.E.Z. The installation by Comp. Thrupp of the Three Principals, viz. Comps. Rushworth, W. H. Saunders and Walls followed, and was carried out in a manner that left but little to be desired. The officers invested and appointed for the year ensuing were: Comps. Walls, S.E.; R. H. Saunders, S.N.; W. Taylor, Treas.; S. Saunders, P.S.; Smiles and Hosken, Assist. P.S.'s; and Harrison, Janitor. The report of the Audit Committee was then received and adopted.

A vote of thanks having been passed to the Installing Officer and a Past Principal's jewel presented to Comp. W.

Taylor, the convocation was closed and the companions adjourned to the banquet. The customary toasts followed, Comp. Sir F. Burdett acknowledged the toast of "The Grand Officers," and Comp. R. Thrupp that of "The Prov. Grand Officers."

"The Health of the M.E.Z." was proposed by Comp. R. Thrupp, Comp. Rushworth having replied, "The Exaltees" followed.

Comps. Hosken, Speth and Tomlinson responded. "The Health of the Visitors" came next in order, and in reply Comps. Clark and Proffitt passed some very flattering encomiums upon the working of the chapter. "The Officers," coupled with the name of Comp. S. Saunders terminated the proceedings.

**BATH.—Royal Cumberland Lodge (T.I.)**—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, the 24th ult., the business being an advancement, the installation of the W.M., and the appointment of officers for the ensuing year. The lodge was opened by Bro. Radway, W.M., assisted by Bros. Dr. Hopkins, Chap., as I.P.M.; C. Wilkinson, P.M., Sec.; John Dutton, P.M., Treas.; Jas. J. Dutton, P.M., D. of C.; F. Wilkinson, S.W.; Dingle, J.W.; L. Howes, M.O.; Mercer, S.O.; J. Dutton, as J.O.; W. Peach, S.D.; Rice, as J.D.; W. H. Young, as I.G.; Sparrow, Org.; Bigwood, Tyler; Rubie, P.M.; Cater, P.M.; P. Braham, P.M.; and others not in office.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The presence in the ante-rooms of Bros. R. C. Else, Prov. G.M., and Colonel Ford, D.P.G.M., having been announced, a deputation was formed to escort them, and on entering they were received with the usual honours. The Treasurer presented his accounts, which being very satisfactory were passed, on the proposition of the W.M., seconded by the Chaplain. A ballot was taken for Bro. T. H. Bethell, and this being unanimously favourable he was advanced to the rank of M.M.M. by the W.M. The ceremony was choral, and admirably performed by all the officers without exception; it was brought to a conclusion by Bro. W. Peach, who gave the Lecture on the Degree with the correctness and impressiveness which mark all his Masonic work. The Secretary read letters from many members apologising for their absence. The chair was then taken by R.W. Bro. Dr. Hopkins, Past G.W., this being the eighth year of his compliance with the request to perform the duty of installing the W.M. After Bro. Radway had been presented to him, he stated that though it was unnecessary to go through the whole of the ceremony, this being a re-election, he should do so by request of the W.M. elect. After the usual preliminaries in a Board of Installed Masters Bro. Radway was again placed in the chair of A., and afterwards appointed the following as his officers: Bros. F. Wilkinson, S.W.; L. Howes, J.W.; John Dutton, Treas.; J. J. Dutton, Dir. of Cers.; Dingle, Sec.; Dr. Hopkins, Chap.; Mercer, M.O.; Penley, S.O.; W. Peach, J.O.; Williamson, Reg.; Knight, S.D.; W. H. Young, J.D.; Rice, I.G.; Sparrow, Org.; and Bigwood, Tyler. The Installing Master concluded the ceremony by giving the usual addresses to the W.M., Wardens, Overseers and brethren. A vote of thanks for their attendance was carried by acclamation to the Prov. G.M. and the D.P.G.M. The former expressed the pleasure with which he had witnessed the perfect manner in which the ceremonies had been worked, certainly superior to that of any other lodge in the province, and the zest which had been given to the whole by the very appropriate musical ritual published for general use in Mark lodges by Bro. Mercer. He also most favourably commented on the skill of the W.M. in performing the ceremony of advancement, and of the veteran Installing Master in the discharge of his duty, to whom a vote of thanks was carried by acclamation. No other business offering excepting the proposition of another candidate, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Castle Hotel for the annual supper.

**BERWICK - ON - TWEED.—St. Cuthberts Lodge (No. 192).**—On Wednesday the annual meeting of this lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Parade. Bro. R. Thompson, W.M., occupied the chair, and opened the lodge in due form. Thereafter Bro. the Rev. Edward Marrett, P.P.G.C., P.P.G.J.W., P.M. 135 (Vicar of Lesbury), installed Bro. G. F. Steven as W.M. for the ensuing year. The W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. R. Thompson, I.P.M.; John Carr, S.W.; B. Craik, J.W.; A. L. Miller, M.O.; T. M. Morrison, S.O.; G. S. Riddle, J.O.; J. D. Gilchrist, Sec.; A. Wintern, P.M., Reg. of Mks.; George Moor, Treas.; J. J. Oliver, S.D.; W. Green, J.D.; R. Weddell, Org.; H. T. Heron, I.G.; Sergt.-Major Graham, Steward; and F. Turnbull, Tyler. After the ceremony of installation, which was impressively rendered by Bro. Marrett, the brethren adjourned to the King's Arms Hotel, where a most recherche dinner was partaken of. Bro. G. F. Steven, W.M., presided, and Bro. J. Carr, S.W., occupied the vice-chair. A very pleasant evening was spent.

**HAMMERSMITH LODGE (No. 211).**—This lodge met at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, on the 27th ult. Among those present were Bros. W. H. Goodall, W.M.; Lawson, S.W.; Skinner, acting J.W.; T. C. Walls, P.G. Swd. Br., P.M., Sec.; J. Baldwin, P.P.G.S. Middlesex and Surrey, P.M., Treas.; Taylor, J.O.; Rickwood, J.D.; Sims, I.G.; Potter, Janitor; and Bro. F. Walters, P.G.I.G., was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, several letters of apology were read from absent members. Previously to the lodge being closed two names for advancement at the next meeting were handed in to the Secretary. The members then adjourned to refreshment. The only toasts proposed were "The Queen and Mark Masonry" and "The W.M." The proceedings then terminated.

The annual banquet of the Corporation of the Trinity House, was held on Wednesday evening, under the presidency of H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh; among the principal guests being the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.; Bros. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., Prov. G.M. Derbyshire; Lord Alcester; the Marquis of Hamilton, P.G. Warden; Sir Thomas Brassey, K.C.B., M.P.; Cecil Cotes, M.P.; Admiral Sir. H. Keppel, G.C.B.; and Lord Suffolk, Prov. G.M. Norfolk.

## THE DESTRUCTION OF FREEMASONS' HALL.

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Free and Accepted Masons in every part of the United Kingdom—and, indeed, all the world over—will regret the burning of the "Temple" attached to the Freemasons' Tavern in Great Queen-street, Lincoln's-inn-fields. This magnificent hall—architecturally one of the handsomest rooms in England—was the head-quarters of the influential Craft presided over by his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales; it was the meeting place of Grand Lodge, whence the entire English Masonic system is ruled and regulated. Fortunately, the valuable regalia and the "throne" have been saved intact, and but little damage has been inflicted on the beautiful white marble statue of the late Duke of Sussex—the work of the eminent sculptor Bailey—a great artist and a good Mason. For the rest, this splendid apartment, decorated at immense cost and in perfect harmony with the purpose to which it has been applied, is a mass of wreck and ruin. The full-length portraits of a long series of Past Grand Masters—all save a likeness of the late Duke of Kent—are burned out of their frames in the wainscot, blistered and peeled beyond recognition or revival, or rent into shreds by the action of the flames. In parts the flat gilded woodwork is entirely consumed, showing the brick wall behind; in parts it is charred and splintered. Galleries, cornices, fluted columns have given way and tumbled down, a confused mass of blackened rubbish. Scarcely anything remains of the mystical and wonderful roof with its splendid sun in burnished gold, and its exquisitely wrought signs of the zodiac. All that the loving pains of William Cox designed to be the masterpiece of his art has perished in a few hours. The gilded seats of the officers of Grand Lodge, of the Master, Wardens, and Deacons, are partly burned, partly smashed to pieces, and what were the pedestals have entirely disappeared. Strangely enough, the vast carpeted flooring, though strewn with débris and soaked with water, appears to be intact, everywhere, except in one corner in close contiguity to a pair of iron doors which shut off Grand Lodge from the large banquet hall of the Freemasons' Tavern. The party wall stood the test of the flames wonderfully well; for while the "Temple" is completely gutted, the great room on the other side of the brickwork remains untouched by fire, and apparently altogether free from damage. This nobly proportioned and elegantly and elaborately ornamented chamber was 92 feet long, 43 feet broad, and more than 60 feet high. Although it is not deemed discreet to disclose even the minor details connected with the ancient secret and impressive ritual of Freemasonry, there is no harm in saying that the Craft will feel keenly a misfortune which deprives them of a resort associated with the best work, and dedicated to virtue, universal charity, and benevolence. The loss is the more to be regretted because the "Temple" was the first home which English Freemasons could call their own.

The origin of the Craft is shrouded in mystery; and what learned Masons knew of its foundation they do not disclose to the uninitiated. Just enough to tantalise inquisitiveness and not sufficient to satisfy the thirst for knowledge is as much as they will confide to the outer world. Here, again, there is no offence in revealing the fact that the brotherhood is devoted to charitable works, and to say that its members cannot be bad men and good Masons at one and the same time. They who know nothing whatever of the Craft pretend that there is no secret, otherwise it would long ago have leaked out. Freemasons, however, do not resent, or even regard that kind of criticism. They know what they know, and, while leading the lives of worthy and respectable citizens, and attending to their work, suffer rancour to say its worst. Enough for them that the Craft speaks all languages, and is united in a common brotherhood on sea and shore, in every country and clime. One most learned and accomplished Mason dates its history from the creation of the world. Others are satisfied to come nearer our own time, and do not pretend to find the Masonic family tree planted in the Garden of Eden. Of course the Temple of King Solomon was built by the brethren on the top of Mount Moriah, over against Mount Olivet; and all the Freemasons employed on the work, exclusive of the two Grand Wardens, amounted to one hundred and thirteen thousand. Pythagoras belonged to the Craft; but whether he learned what he knew in Egypt and India, or elsewhere, is not quite certain. No one needs to doubt that the professors of Thebes and Memphis, and the priests of Brahma, and the Magi with whom the Wise Man of Samos was on the most friendly terms, were competent to enlarge his Masonic researches. It is an historical fact that he studied under Pherecydes of Syrus, a strict believer in the immortality of the soul. Whether Pythagoras intended his Freemasonry to be a political protest against the tyranny of Polycrates, tyrant of Samos, and to what extent he meant it as a bond of contented and refined Communism, is open to dispute; but what he taught at Crotona remains the foundation of a great deal of our modern Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity. How much English Freemasonry retains of India, Egypt, Judea, Greece, and Rome is a matter for Masons, if they can do so, to decide among themselves. It will be enough for those who are not of the Craft to recognise that the institution in England is associated with several noble and most praiseworthy charities.

Freemasonry has been of two kinds, Operative and Speculative. Formerly, at least in this country, the vast majority of the brethren were more or less connected with the building trades, either as patrons, as designers, or as handicraftsmen. The Ancient Britons, the Romans, and the Saxons had among them initiated persons; and in later times all our great historical structures, ecclesiastical or lay, were built by members of the Order. Henry VI. took a lively interest in the Craft; "Bluff King Hal" was Master of a lodge, as was also "the Merry Monarch." It is an indisputable fact that St. Paul's Cathedral is tinctured with the science from the foundation stone to the top of the golden cross. Not only was Sir Christopher Wren the father of modern Masonry, but from the time when he flourished may be dated its present peculiarly speculative character. When the famous architect grew old and weary the Lodge of St. Paul, over which he presided, fell off in numbers and influence; and it was agreed among the few remaining members that the Order, its privileges and mysteries, should be thrown open to men of other professions. Prior to the reign of Queen Anne, a few non-practical Masons were initiated, but "speculative" brethren were rarely to be

met with. Then, and for a long time afterwards, the Craft were without head-quarters. A lodge used to meet at the Goose and Gridiron, in St. Paul's-churchyard, the latter part of which sign may possibly have suggested the ridiculous notion that a certain humble piece of ironmongery is associated with the ceremony of initiation. Another lodge met at the sign of the Crown, in Parker's-lane, Drury-lane, another at the Rummer and Grapes, in Channel-row, Westminster, and a fourth at the Apple Tree Tavern, Charles-street, Covent-garden. It was at the Apple Tree that a few old Masons constituted themselves a Grand Lodge in the year 1717. From that date English Masonry has grown and flourished; and, though it has had its troubles and schisms, is now more than ever powerful and useful. Based on the principle of equality of man, it owes not a little of its prestige to the friendliness and companionship of royal and noble personages. Continuing to extend the sphere of its influence, the Craft gradually amassed property, and in the year 1771 the Honourable Charles Dillon, Deputy Grand Master, introduced a Bill in the House of Commons to incorporate the Society by Act of Parliament. The measure was opposed, and at the desire of many of the brethren was withdrawn on the second reading. Freemasonry, however, having made for itself a recognised name, was no longer content to date from a tavern, and the members of Grand Lodge held at the Crown and Anchor, in the Strand, sought for themselves a local habitation.

## CONSECRATION OF THE PRIORY LODGE OF ACTON, No. 1996.

On Thursday, the 3rd inst., the ceremony of consecrating this new lodge was performed at the Royal Oak Assembly Rooms, Acton, by the V.W. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, P.G.D., Grand Secretary, assisted by a large number of Grand Officers and other eminent Masons, who were anxious to do honour to the inauguration of a lodge of which so well-known and highly-esteemed a Mason as the V. Bro. William Roebuck, P.M. 29 and 463, P.G.S., P.P. G.S.W. Middx., P.P.G.S.B. Surrey, was one of the founders, and the W.M. designate.

The Presiding Officer took the chair at 3.30 p.m., and appointed W. Bros. J. M. Case, P.G.D., as S.W.; Dr. R. T. Pigott, D.C.L., P.A.G.D.C., as J.W.; V.W. Bro. Rev. J. E. Cox, D.D., P.G. Chap., as Chaplain; W. Bros. Frank Richardson, P.G.D., as Director of Ceremonies; and Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D., as I.G.

The Presiding Officer was also supported by the presence of a number of other Grand Officers and Eminent Masons, including W. Bros. Col. Creaton, P.G. Treas.; Capt. Philips, P.G.D.; H. Howard Hedges, P.P.G.S.W.; A. F. Gordon, D.P.G.M.; R. Hendewick, P.P.J.W.; H. H. Locke, P. Deputy D.G.M. Bengal; George Kenning, P.M., P.G.D. Middx.; Bros. D. M. Dewar, P.M. 1415; J. L. Baker, P.M. 1303; F. S. Leaper, W.M. 1275; Chas. Andrews, P.M. 77; F. Foxley, W.M. 173; Capt. Nicols, W.M. 1974; W. Hirst, W.M. 15; W. S. Marks, I.P.M. 368; Wm. Gomm, P.M. 780; Walter Goss, P.M. 780; Louis Hirsch, P.M. 1878; H. L. Tucker, W.M. 1612; J. Barber Glenn, 3; George Thomas, 1194; James Pole, 1158; H. Sadler, Grand Tyler; E. C. Massey (Freemason), and others.

The lodge having been opened in the Three Degrees, and the choir, consisting of Bros. E. Monson, jun., J. J. Gunner, F. Botley, C. E. Botley, and J. A. Cammell, under the direction of W. Bro. E. H. Sugg, P.M. 452, P.P.G. Org. Surrey, having sung the hymn, "Hail Eternal by whose aid," the Presiding Officer addressed the brethren. He said: Brethren, we are to-day to perform the very pleasing Masonic duty of inaugurating the Priory Lodge of Acton. You are aware that there are now so very large a number of lodges on the register of the Grand Lodge that it has become expedient that this number should not be greatly exceeded, and H.R.H. the Grand Master looks very jealously at all petitions for fresh warrants. In this case an exception has been made in favour of Acton, as it is a large and increasing neighbourhood, and it appears that there is not in the immediate vicinity any Masonic lodge. Several brethren, many of them old Masons, living in this locality, have petitioned the Grand Master and prayed that a warrant might be granted them in order that they might meet for Masonic purposes within an easy distance of their dwellings. The Grand Master had taken these matters into consideration and granted the prayer of the petition. His Royal Highness was the more readily disposed to do this because the brother designated to be the first Master is a very worthy member of the Craft. I fancy you all know our good brother Roebuck; he has done a great deal for the good of Freemasonry, and there could be no question whatever as to the safety of trusting the warrant to his keeping. But I feel it my duty to say to-day one or two words of warning against errors that some new lodges are apt to fall into. I am afraid it sometimes happens that those having the direction of new lodges feel themselves bound to make their numbers large. They fall into the error of fancying a lodge great by its quantity rather than by its quality. It is very easy in the first year to fall into this error; you will find plenty in the neighbourhood willing to come in, and I am afraid that in the cases of new lodges it often happens that the qualifications and character of those proposed are not sufficiently looked into. If such an error is committed the day soon comes when you find that you have got some one or two men in the lodge whom you had better not have had. I would therefore advise the strictest inquiry about those who desire to join your lodge, and whenever there is any question about a candidate, do not have recourse to the unpleasant process of blackballing, but let the name be quietly withdrawn. That is the only way in which you can surely—though it may be slowly—build up a lodge of which you may eventually be proud. I am sure, however, these remarks are unnecessary as far as Bro. Roebuck himself is concerned, because he understands this matter as well as any one. I will not detain you longer with prefatory remarks, but will at once proceed to the business of the day.

Bro. RICHARDSON, D.C., then addressed the presiding officer, by whose direction he then arranged the brethren of the new lodge, and thereafter read out the Petition and the Warrant. The presiding officer inquired whether the brethren approved of the officers named in these documents, and receiving their answer in the affirmative, he called upon the Chaplain to deliver an oration on the nature and principles of Freemasonry.

Bro. Rev. J. E. Cox, D.D.: Worshipful Master, Wardens, and brethren: Doubtless you are all well aware that it is constantly asked by the outside world what is the use of Freemasonry? Those who have not been initiated express doubts as to its utility, whilst others are not unfrequently disposed to ridicule its supposed origin and to laugh at its alleged antiquity. This has no doubt in part arisen from the fact that Speculative Masonry has for the most part accomplished the work for which it was originally devised. In the dark ages of the world Masonry was the great pioneer of civilization, the mother of the arts and sciences, and the sole means whereby "greater light" universally prevailed diffused "over the face of earth and water." With the growth of civilization its principles fell into comparative abeyance until at last, its work being accomplished, it has ceased to be regarded as the great author and means of human progress. In many parts of Europe it still, in a measure, however, retains much of its ancient prestige in this direction—pre-eminently so in Sweden, which I had the happiness of visiting last year, where it was greatly to his advantage that our Most Worshipful Grand Master was born to light. Here however, in our own land, not only has the outside world been induced to suppose that Masonry is little more than a Benefit Society, but that it is merely the means for frequent convivial *re-union* under the name of, and for the diffusion of charity—an idea, which very many even of those, who have been admitted into the Order and failed to discern anything beyond such impressions, have much helped to increase and disseminate. This result I can but think has of late years arisen from a far too indiscriminate admission into the Order. But on that point the presiding Grand Master has to-day particularly addressed the members of this meeting. But, for my own part I am satisfied that the tongue of good report has not been sufficiently heard in favour of candidates, which has induced quantity rather than quality to be admitted and has brought in many whose admission we must regret; and as a sure proof and evidence of that fact we find continually at the meetings of the Board of Benevolence that far too many have not thought or considered the fact that they were uninfluenced by mercenary or other unworthy motives. Yet in spite of such violation of our ancient landmarks, however much Freemasonry may be ridiculed—and you know it is ridiculed by those who do not understand it—still we can amply show what it does and can do in the direction of brotherly love, relief, and truth, although we can no longer claim for it the high and prominent place it once occupied for the maintenance and advancement of civilization. It is our earnest hope—a desire ever to be remembered in the posture of our daily supplications—that Masonry may yet more positively and prominently thrive and flourish so as to give proofs incalculable, and evidences unnumbered of its being much more than a myth or an empty name. No one I think, with the slightest particle of right feeling in his nature, can ever listen to, or take part in, our secret rites and noble ceremonies without being solemnly impressed by the deep-toned revelation of the glorious truths they enunciate. Again and again have these ceremonies had the most beneficial and, I may add, saving and redeeming effects upon the profligate, whilst they have ever armed the just and upright man with the best inducements to stand fast in his integrity, to help and support his brethren in every time of need, and to do his duty in the face of all trials and calamities in whatsoever state of life the G.A.O.T.U. may have been pleased to place him. May such principles and influences never die out. Rather may they live, thrive, and flourish, not only throughout the length and breadth of the Craft, but also in this newly-constituted lodge, and for the benefit of generations yet to come, and more especially amongst those to whom I have been privileged to speak on this most interesting occasion; so that whilst we strive earnestly to manifest to the outer world that the true Mason must be a good and upright man, we may be fitted for admission, hereafter, into the Grand Lodge above, where the world's Great Architect rules and reigns for ever.

At the conclusion of the oration, the choir sang an anthem, "The Lord is in His Holy Temple, let all the earth keep silence before Him" (Sugg), Hab. II., 20; after which the Chaplain delivered the first portion of the Dedication prayer, and all the brethren turning towards the East the Presiding Officer gave the Invocation. The Chaplain then read the portion of Scriptures appointed for the occasion, after which the lodge board was uncovered, and the ceremony of consecration was performed with all customary solemnities. The Consecrating Officer then delivered the final Benediction, and the lodge was resumed in the Second Degree, and after being obligated Bro. Roebuck was in the presence of a Board of over 30 Installed Masters duly installed into the chair of K.S. with the usual formalities, after which the W.M. invested his principal officers Bros. C. E. Botley, S.W., and G. Wright, J.W. Bro. E. F. Earl was elected Treasurer, and invested by the W.M., who also appointed and invested his remaining officers as follows: Bros. E. H. Sugg, Sec.; F. Botley, S.D.; E. Monson, jun., J.D.; J. A. Cammell, I.G.; and A. Turner, D.C. Bro. Harrison was elected Tyler of the lodge by a show of hands and invested. The Installing Officer then delivered the customary addresses to the W.M., the Wardens, and the brethren, and resumed his seat amidst well-deserved Masonic applause.

Bro. ROEBUCK then rose and said that the lodge being very much indebted to Col. Clerke and the other Grand Officers who had assisted him in the ceremony of consecrating this new lodge, he proposed that Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, J. M. Case, Dr. Pigott, the Rev. Dr. Cox, Frank Richardson, and Raynham W. Stewart be elected honorary members, and that a vote of thanks to them be recorded on the minutes of the proceedings.

This motion having been carried nem. con., The GRAND SECRETARY thanked the brethren for the compliment that had been paid to him and the Grand Officers who had assisted him, and in accepting the honorary membership, said that they should watch the progress of lodge with interest, and hoped to be allowed occasionally to come and witness its success.

The lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the George and Dragon Hotel, where an admirable dinner was served by Mr. Brooks, the host of this ancient hostelry. After the cloths were withdrawn the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed from the chair and heartily responded to. After the toast of "The Queen"—to whose virtues and estimable qualities the W.M. paid a tribute of respect—and "The Health of the M.W. Grand Master," whose interest in Freemasonry and

the attention he gave to the requirements of the Grand Mastership, notwithstanding the numerous other high duties he had to perform, were also mentioned by Bro. ROEBUCK in terms of admiration.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER proposed "The Health of the Present and Past Grand Officers." It was a particularly important toast on the present occasion, because they had been honoured by the presence of a large number of Grand Officers. He was satisfied that all present wished well to the Grand Officers, from the Earl of Carnarvon and Lord Lathom downwards, and that they would respond with enthusiasm to this toast, with which he would couple the name of their V.W. Bro. Dr. Cox.

The Rev. Dr. Cox said in reply that he had on behalf of the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master, and Lord Lathom, Deputy Grand Master, to return sincere thanks for the manner in which the brethren had been pleased to accept the toast proposed by the W.M. to the health of the Grand Officers, Present and Past. He had also to offer his own acknowledgments as one of the oldest of the Grand Officers, though he believed there was one Grand Officer older than himself. It had afforded him infinite pleasure to assist that day in the consecration of their lodge. More than half a century ago he used to pass through Acton on the Oxford coach on his return to college. Even at that time he had looked forward to becoming a Mason, though that event did not happen till some years later; and he determined to do suit and service to Masonry in this country and abroad as extensively as possible. During his career he had taken part in many consecrations of lodges; but he had never in the whole course of that career enjoyed a consecration service more than he had done that day, because he felt it a great thing to sit under his admirable friend and brother, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, and a privilege to be associated with him in carrying out that consecration. He said that he congratulated the Craft on having such a Grand Secretary, always ready to give his aid and advice; he was in the fullest acceptance of the word a thorough gentleman Mason, who had a true love for Masonry, and was as anxious as he (Bro. Cox) was to see it prosper and conquer public opinion and the prejudices of the ignorant.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The Health of the Consecrating Officers." They were greatly indebted to Bros. Col. Clerke, Case, Dr. Pigott, Dr. Cox, Frank Richardson, and Raynham Stewart for the services they had rendered. With this toast he would couple the name of Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary.

Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE in reply said that it would not only be a great pleasure but a great privilege to be permitted to return thanks for this toast on the present occasion, because it must be a sincere gratification to the brethren who like himself had the interests of Freemasonry at heart to have been allowed to take part in the ceremony. The pleasure was the greater because that lodge would in all probability have a successful future. He (Bro. Clerke) had been ably supported on the present occasion by his two Wardens, by Bro. Cox, who had given them a very good oration, and by Bro. Richardson, who had as might be said "run the whole coach" for him (Bro. Clerke) on that occasion. The Consecrating Officers wished every success to this new ship. Col. Clerke said that he must digress for one moment to say one word which was only fair and just. Men naturally supposed that His Royal Highness was merely a nominal Grand Master, that was entirely a mistake. He (Col. Clerke) had great personal opportunities for knowing this, and he could assure those present that His Royal Highness took the greatest interest in the affairs of the Craft; he was continually sending for him (the Grand Secretary), and went into every matter concerning the Craft with the greatest possible interest, and was very jealous of anything being done without his authority. (Applause.) Passing that over he would conclude his response to this toast by thanking the brethren very heartily for the reception which the Consecrating Officers had met with. Passing on to a more congenial subject he had now to propose to them to drink to "The Health of their first W.M." He thought that the founders of the Priory Lodge of Acton showed a wise prescience in selecting Bro. Roebuck. When their petition was received, and it was seen that Bro. Roebuck was the W.M. designate, it was felt that the warrant asked for would be in safe hands. He would omit from his remarks all the pretty things that might be said, contenting himself with saying that a better Mason and better man never existed, and with asking the brethren to join him in drinking "The Health of the W.M."

Bro. ROEBUCK in reply said that he felt a great responsibility in taking his present position, because if the lodge did not work in the way that he supposed and intended it should work, he would be called to account at Grand Lodge; and he had a name and a Masonic reputation to maintain. They had begun under very good auspices, and he was sure they could get as many members as they wanted. Masonry was a luxury, and if his officers would support him he would work in that direction. Might they all live long to enjoy one another's society.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER then proposed "The Health of the Visitors," coupling with the toast the names of Bros. Locke, Godstone, and Marks, each of whom replied in suitable terms.

"The Health of the Officers of the Lodge" was next proposed by the W.M., and was responded to by the Senior and Junior Wardens.

The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a conclusion.

During the evening the following programme of vocal music was performed:

- National Anthem ... .. Choir.
- God Bless the Prince of Wales ... .. Choir.
- Three Sailor Boys (Marzials) ... .. Bro. E. Monson, jun.
- True Blue (S. Adams) ... .. J. J. Gunner.
- White Daisy (Molloy) ... .. F. Botley.
- Ehren on the Rhine (Hutchinson) ... .. J. A. Cammell.
- Kismet (Molloy) ... .. C. E. Botley.

The Lodge room, and the approaches thereto was decorated with two waggon loads of choice plants, and shrubs, sent from Bro. Roebuck's greenhouses and grounds.

The lodge was furnished by Bro. George Kenning.

A number of Freemasons in the Metropolis who are total abstainers have expressed a desire to establish a temperance lodge, and steps will be taken very shortly to carry out what has almost taken the form of a definite proposal.—City Press.

Obituary.

BRO. A. J. DUFF-FILER, P.G.S.B.

A prominent Mason and one who had been a member of our Fraternity for close on forty years, passed to his final rest on Saturday last at the ripe old age of seventy-seven. Our deceased Bro. Duff-Filer, to whom we are referring and whose death will be very generally regretted, especially by those who enjoyed the privilege of his acquaintance, was initiated into Freemasonry in the Ionic Lodge, No. 227, on the 5th of October, 1813, and was chosen its W.M. in 1816. He joined the Old King's Arms' Lodge, No. 28, on the 28th April, 1851, and was elected to the chair the year following. He was founder and first Master of the Canonbury Lodge, No. 657, in 1855, and had held the office of Treasurer till the present time. He was a member of the Board of General Purposes for three years—from 1854 to 1857. In 1877 he founded and was first W.M. of the Evening Star Lodge, No. 1719, and at the time of his death was its Secretary. In Royal Arch Masonry he was exalted on the 2nd of June, 1845, in the Old King's Arms' Chapter, No. 28, and was one of its P.Z.s', and in 1872 he became a member of the Prince of Wales' Chapter, No. 259. His highest distinctions, however, were obtained in 1872, when he was appointed Grand Sword Bearer of England both in Grand Lodge and in Supreme Grand Chapter, and he was likewise a member of the General Committee of the latter body, having been re-appointed by His Royal Highness the M.E. Grand Z. only the Wednesday preceding his lamented decease. But it was not alone in lodge and chapter that Bro. Duff-Filer won his reputation. His frequent attendance at the Committee Meetings of our Institutions showed the deep interest he took in their management; the several Festival Stewardships he had served evinced his desire to promote their welfare; while the fact that he was a Vice-Patron of the Boys' School, and a Vice-President both of the Girls' School and the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, showed that his interest was of a beneficent as well as a benevolent character. The funeral took place in Finchley Cemetery on Thursday, and was numerous attended by the relatives and his friends, both Masonic and non-Masonic. By none will the death of this excellent brother be more sincerely regretted than by the members of the Canonbury Lodge of which he was, in fact, the father, and, as showing the respect they bore him, we may state that the W.M. proposes to call a lodge of emergency for the purpose of passing "resolutions of sympathy and condolence," with the widow and family of their deceased Treasurer, to whom we beg to offer the expression of our sincere sympathy in their bereavement.

New Zealand.

CONSECRATION OF THE PLANTAGENET PRECEPTORY, AT TIMARU.

The introduction of this religious and military Order was accomplished on Tuesday, 27th February, when the Plantagenet Preceptory was inaugurated and dedicated according to ancient custom under the most auspicious surroundings. The ceremonies were conducted by the V.E. Sir Knight W. Deamer, M.D., 3<sup>rd</sup> Prov. Prior of New Zealand, assisted by E.P. Sir Knight H. Thomson, M.H.R., and Sir Knights C. P. Hulbert, Alfred J. Parsons, W. Liesler, C. Palliser, B. Hibbard, and W. Fry.

The prescribed procession of fraters having been formed, marched two and two into the hall; the Great Prior having taken his place on the throne called on the Sir Knights to assist in opening the preceptory, which being done, the Prov. Prior addressed the Sir Knights, stating that he had been authorised and commissioned to open a preceptory of Knights Templar under the United Religious and Military Orders of the Temple and of Palestine, Rhodes, and Malta, to be known as the Plantagenet Preceptory, and requested the acting Registrar to read the warrant sanctioning the preceptory. The fraters whose names were on the petition were then summoned to appear in the West, the Prior then demanded of them whether they promised to acknowledge the authority of the Most Excellent and Supreme Grand Master as the head of the Order in England and Wales and dependencies, and whether they pledged themselves to act according to, and abide by, the laws and regulations of the Order as sanctioned by the Grand Conclave of England and Wales, to which they agreed. He then inquired if the Sir Knights named in the petition as Eminent Preceptor and other officers had been duly chosen to preside over the new preceptory, and on receiving a reply in the affirmative, he called on them to form into procession. After proceeding three times round, during which the organ was pealing out Beethoven's famous march. The Prior accompanied by the Prelate and an Aid-de-Camp, the latter bearing a silver salver with a small vessel containing corn, walked round the sepulchre scattering some corn on each corner. The Prelate then gave this Invocation—"May the giver of all good things shower down His best blessings on this, the Plantagenet Preceptory." Then followed an anthem—

"Ruler supreme, Almighty King,  
Maker of the worlds and heav'n,  
To Thee let tuneful hymnals ring—  
Glory, praise, and thanks be given.  
Father of heav'n, Oh! lend an ear;  
Grace us with Thy presence here."

The procession then passed twice round the Preceptory with solemn music. Prelate then gave the invocation: May the Almighty give us thankful hearts and grant that we may be ever ready to relieve the wants of others.

Spirit of love, oh! Heav'nly Dove,  
Hov'ring over worlds create;  
Messenger of peace and love,  
Fill our hearts with hope and faith.  
Spirit Divine, oh! lend an ear;  
Grace us with Thy presence here.

The procession then passed twice round with solemn music. Prelate gave following invocation: May He whose name is love grant that the members of this Preceptory, may be ever of one mind and one heart and may they and we ever do unto others as we would that it should be done unto us.

Oh! Lamb of God! Emanuel!  
Who from bondage made us free—  
Quenched the powers of sin and hell,  
Glory, honour, praise to Thee.  
Emanuel, oh! lend an ear,  
Grant us with Thy presence here.

The Rev. Prelate taking the censor and proceeding slowly round the preceptory gave this invocation: May He who died on the cross protect this preceptory and all faithful knights and may they ever militate in His holy name. The sepulchre was then lighted up and the Prov. Prior declared the preceptory consecrated and the Prelate gave the invocation.

The Sir Knights then formed in columns, and presenting arms, the banners were lowered and crossed, the Prior consecrating them in the ancient manner the Prelate giving this invocation: May the God of victory ever attend a Knight Templar militating under these sacred banners in the holy name of their blessed Saviour.

The standards being raised and the knights standing to order the first herald proclaimed the consecration in the S.W.

The second herald then proclaimed in the N.W., the Sir Knights saluting in the ancient manner. The Rev. Prelate then gave a very impressive prayer.

The Prior calling on the knights to aid, honour, and in every respect promote the welfare and prosperity of the Plantagenet Preceptory.

An adjournment was then made for dinner, and on re-assembling seven companions were created Knights Templar the ceremony being performed by the Prov. Prior in a very impressive manner, the neophytes listening with marked attention as the sublime beauties were disclosed to them, and the installation of the Eminent Preceptor was proceeded with. Sir Knight Alfred J. Parsons being installed Eminent Preceptor, his appointment was received with marked approval, the Knights retiring, the Installing Officers duly installed him with eclat. After being presented with baton of command the Sir Knights were admitted. The heralds proclaimed, the column formed, and Sir Knight Parsons saluted as Eminent Preceptor.

The following officers were then appointed: Sir Knights W. Liesler, Constable; C. Palliser, Marshall; H. W. Hammond, Prelate; W. M. Sims, Sub Marshall; W. Fry, Captain of Guards; F. W. Cook, Registrar; W. Darby, Aide-de-Camp; T. Turnbull, First Herald; G. Filmer, Second Herald; the Equerry being left over, and the preceptory was closed.

The anthems which were composed by Sir Knight W. Liesler were splendidly rendered, the whole of the musical portion of the ceremony being conducted by him with his well-known ability. Nothing could exceed the superb style in which the whole proceedings were carried out, the magnificence combined with the solemnity of the display will ever be remembered by those whose good fortune enabled them to be present.

The whole of the regalia and furniture was imported by Messrs. Coates and Co., from Sir Knight George Kenning, London, and was very much admired.

The Sir Knights then adjourned to the banqueting room, the Eminent Preceptor, Sir Knight Parsons occupied the chair, supported by the Prov. Prior Sir Knight W. Dearnier and Sir Knight H. Thomson on his right, and Sir Knight C. P. Hulbert and Sir Knight J. Jones on his left, the vice-chair being filled by Sir Knight H. W. Hammond.

The tables were very tastefully laid out. After justice had been done to the eatables the Eminent Preceptor said the first toast he had the honour to propose was one that was so near and dear to the hearts of them all, that it required no words of his to introduce it to their notice or recommend it to their favour, it being that of our beloved "Queen Victoria," the daughter of and mother of a Knight Templar. (Cheers.) The toast was received with acclamation.

The EMINENT PRECEPTOR next rose to propose the toast of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master." (Cheers.) The toast was drunk with grand honours.

The EMINENT PRECEPTOR in proposing the next toast said he had much pleasure in asking them to drink "The Health of the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, Great Prior of England." (Loud Cheers.)

Sir Knight LIESLER, then rose to propose the "Prov. Prior of New Zealand," he said: Eminent Preceptor and Sir Knights, the pleasing duty has been assigned me of proposing one of the most important toasts of the evening, it being that of our illustrious friend Sir Knight Dearnier, the Prov. Prior of New Zealand. (Great Cheering.) I am sure we all feel very grateful to him for coming a couple of hundred miles to assist in the consecration of their preceptory. He had been very much struck with the solemnity of the ceremony and the beautiful manner in which he had conducted it. (Loud cheers.) He hoped they should often have the pleasure and the honour of his presence among them. The toast was drunk with great enthusiasm.

The PROV. PRIOR having returned thanks for the honour done him, said he should always look back with great pleasure to this day, and with agreeable remembrance of the great kindness with which the Sir Knights received him. Nothing could possibly have given him more pleasure than to have had the consecration of this preceptory, because it had been the means of him obtaining some very high honours—that of Prov. Prior of New Zealand. (Loud cheers.) He again thanked them for the enthusiastic manner in which his health had been received. (Cheers.)

The PROV. PRIOR then proposed "The Health of the Very Eminent Preceptor, Sir Knight Alfred J. Parsons, and Success to the Plantagenet Preceptory." (Cheers.) He said the fact of the preceptory being established was due to their Eminent Preceptor, who had spared neither trouble nor expense in obtaining it. He congratulated the Sir Knights on their commander, and the Eminent Preceptor on the proud and distinguished position he had obtained; and from his knowledge of his (the E.P.'s) abilities he felt sure the preceptory would be conducted in a worthy manner. He exhorted them to be very careful who they admitted to this Princely Degree, and never to confer the distinguished honour on any but thoroughly deserving companions. He asked them to drink the toast with bumpers. (Cheers.)

The EMINENT PRECEPTOR on rising to respond said he had been rather overcome by the very flattering manner in which his health had been proposed and responded to. For himself, he trusted he might be enabled to conduct the ceremonies with credit to himself and with honour to the preceptory. He should bear in mind the advice of their Ill. Companion, Sir Knight Dearnier, and endeavour to keep the preceptory free from anyone who might disgrace it. (Cheers.) He begged to thank them for the honour they had bestowed upon him in electing him their first Eminent Preceptor. He not only admired, but loved these De-ress, because they inculcate a belief in, and an adoration of the Almighty God, and because they teach us morality and

truth as guiding principles, and tend to elevate us in every respect, both socially and morally, and hold out to us the certainty of a glorious future. (Loud cheers.)

"The Officers," "The Visitors," "The Newly-Installed Sir Knights," and "The Royal Canterbury Preceptory" concluded the toast list, and the Sir Knights soon after separated.



The Court Theatre was closed on Monday for a full dress rehearsal of "The Danicheffs," which is arrayed on a very complete scale, and played by a most powerful and talented cast. We shall give it a full notice next week. "All for Her" was withdrawn on Saturday. H.R.H. the Prince and the Princess of Wales went the previous evening to see it.

The Opera Comique closed its doors temporarily on Saturday last, Miss Hilda Hilton having taken off "Frou Frou." Due notice will be given of its re-opening, the date is not yet fixed, but a new piece is in active rehearsal.

Bro. Sims and Mr. Fred. Clay, the author and composer of "The Merry Duchess" at the Royalty, have presented the stage manager, Mr. W. Barker, with a silver claret jug. It bears the inscription "I've got a Mug."—It is given in remembrance of the efficient manner in which Mr. Barker mounted the opera which has met with such a hearty reception since its production. The quotation on the testimonial is from one of the lines in the first act. Mr. Barker has doubtless put the opera on the stage in a most admirable and efficient way. Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and the Princess of Wales witnessed the performance last week.

Mr. Augustus Moore, who for some time managed the front of the house at Drury Lane for Bro. Augustus Harris, has gone to the Princess's to assist Mr. Wilson Barrett.

Strauss's new comic opera, "Methusalem," is now promised for about 12th May at the Folies Dramatiques. We are not in the secret of the delay but have understood that it has been well rehearsed. We hope the doors of the theatre will not be again opened without a good piece, a good cast, and every prospect of success. We also hear that the draught in the stalls will be seen to before the opening date. Otherwise the house is almost perfection.

We very much regret to announce the death of Mr. Walters, the business manager of Bro. and Mrs. Bancroft, which occurred somewhat suddenly, of bronchitis, last week. Mr. Walters leaves a widow and five children unprovided for. He was only 55. Of the various managers in London we know of none who exceeded Mr. Walters in his courtesy and geniality to every one, often under the most trying circumstances. Bro. Edward Ledger is receiving subscriptions at the office of the *Era* for the widow and family, to which Bro. Bancroft has contributed £100. Bros. Henry Irving and J. L. Toole are also donors. Bro. Capt. Bashford, recently the efficient manager of the Olympic Theatre, and brother-in-law of Bro. Bancroft, has been appointed with Mr. Russell to the office vacated by Mr. Walters. They are now called Secretary and Treasurer respectively.

At Sadler's Wells "Proved True" is taking the place of "Fun on the Bristol." It is an entirely new drama, and from the pen of Mr. Mortimer Murdock. We hope on its termination it will have proved true to the manager.

Bro. J. L. Toole is still rejoicing his admirers pending the completion of Mr. Arthur Law's new comedy with "Artful Cards," one of Mr. Burnand's happiest writings. It goes perhaps at "Toole's" even better than it did at the Gaiety some years ago. It is seldom one hears a heartier ring of laughter than when Mr. Romford goes about with his nephew to see life. The hen-pecked husband's efforts to "do" his wife, and how he meets with curious adventures in endeavouring to accomplish this are sights worth seeing. Bro. Toole works all this up with that drollery for which he is renowned. Of course, one goes to see Toole only; at the same time, Bro. Toole has a very efficient company round him in the persons of Messrs. Billington, Ward, and Garden, and Misses Linden and Johnstone, and Miss Emily Thorne in the last piece, "Guffin's Elopement." Bro. and Miss Toole, Bro. Henry Irving, and Bro. and Mrs. Kendal were amongst the company at the Baroness Burdett Coutts's first reception of the season at Stratton House last Friday.

Owing to circumstances over which we have no control we have been unable to notice the new opera at the Avenue earlier, as we announced. We can scarcely say that the late M. Offenbach's last comic opera is one of his best. There are many we like better. "Lurette" is adapted by Messrs. Desprez and Murray, and the lyrics written by Mr. S. Leigh. Lurette (Miss Florence St. John) is a washerwoman. In the opening scene we see her, with a number of other girls, at the establishment of Mme. Marceline (Miss Lottie Venn), on the banks of the Seine, engaged in washing. Those of our readers who have been on the continent will remember, as they must have been struck at the first sight of the women washing clothes at the side of a river or stream. Forming part of the establishment there is a man, Cornichen (Mr. T. P. Haynes), a half idiot, who is in love with Lurette. The damsels, however, all dote on the military, and during the passing of a company of soldiers, and in the absence of their employer, they make merry by entertaining the bluecoats sumptuously. Marceline disturbs the party by making her appearance. Of course, when warned of her coming, they cover up the soldiers with the linen, and at once are hard at work. Marceline commends them for being so busy; but pre-

sently she smells cooking and hears a sneeze, and remarks she never heard a damp petticoat sneeze before. She sniffs again, and then suspects. By pulling off the clothes she discovers the soldiers. She threatens dismissal, but Lurette comes forward, and in a very pretty song begs for mercy. She secures the pardon of both soldiers and maids. The laundrywoman herself now joins in. Whilst this is going on a young gentleman the Duc de Marly, comes on the scene, he is just arriving at his majority and is still unmarried. His aunt (Miss Fanny Coleman) threatens him with disinheritance unless he marries before he comes of age. How to do this baffles him. He tells his valet Malicorne (M. Marius) the latter undertakes to find a wife, and in a note book takes down the headings of the qualities the Duke must have in a wife. The faithful valet asks Cornichen who that pretty damsel is—meaning La Belle Lurette—but the latter gets jealous, and is not inclined to reply. He calls her himself and tells her his commission. She is not startled at hearing she is suddenly to be converted into a Duchess, for the cards told her so. In the second act we will see the marriage takes place. The Duke has carried out the marriage conditions he made with his aunt to be married before he is of age. But he had made conditions with himself also that when the ceremony was over he would start off alone for a tour round the world providing well for his duchess, but practically deserting her. As he explains to her, in your circle the honeymoon commences directly after the wedding, but in aristocratic spheres it commences at an indefinite period. He gives it to his valet to tell her of his intentions, and this becomes a touching incident of the opera, of course the Duchess makes a scene and calls in her friends, who seeing the trick that has been played and that Malicorne is in it seizes him, binds him and takes him to a cottage facing the Duke's mansion where the Duchess sets up as washerwoman, with the sign "La Duchesse de Marly, blanchisseuse." The Duke comes out and sees this of course is much annoyed at having his name used in this way and charges his valet to take the sign board down at once or he will beat him within an inch of his life. The valet replies that he cannot for he is tied down. His master releases him. He gets upon the ladder to take the board down when Marceline comes along and leaves him hanging there until he promises after her asking for thirty-five times if he will marry her, she having discovered that he is the man who jilted her a long time ago. He is obliged to consent, but woman like, she is not content with his verbal answer to her and calls her assistants to hear him say it before she restores the ladder to let him come down. As usual, all ends happily; the duke discovers that Lurette is the girl who once saved his life, and what can he do less than take her to be his wife? Of the company it is hardly necessary to say much, not but that much cannot be said of the company, but they are all so well known that we need not say they are all seen at great advantage. M. Marius still has his hoarseness; but one is becoming so used to it that one now almost likes it when taken with his clever style of acting. Bro. Henry Bracey is always a treat. In this opera, however, he hardly can do himself justice. Not only is he possessed of a lovely tenor voice, but one always hears his words distinctly. We wish operatic performers did this more often. To our mind, Bro. Bracey was best in the "Mascotte" in his song, "Love is blind." We have heard many tenors sing this song, but none came near Bro. Bracey in sweetness and clearness. Miss Florence St. John is perhaps best in Lurette in the "pardon" song, though everywhere she is good. Miss Lottie Venn sings some charming songs, and with her pretty ways adds a great deal to the success of the piece. Mr. Haynes undoubtedly has often shone better. He does his part well, but there is not enough scope for him. The scenery is pretty; there is no fault from beginning to end; the theatre is delightfully cool and roomy. Bro. Charles Morton is the manager; the chorus is thoroughly efficient, and it is enough for us to say that "Lurette" should be seen during the season.

### Ancient and Accepted Rite. SUPREME COUNCIL.

The Supreme Council, 33°, held their quarterly meeting at No. 33, Golden-square, on Tuesday, the 8th inst., when the following brethren were advanced: To the 32°—III. Bros. Thomas Best and Dr. John Huybull Paul; To the 31°—Bros. Col. Richard George Smith, Adolphus Baron de Ferrieres, Dr. George Bernard Brodie, Alfred Richards, and Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie; To the 30°—Bros. John Eustace Anderson, Webster Glynes, Edwin C. Patchitt, Lord Arthur William Hill, Charles W. Drake, Major Fredk. S. Terry, and C. William Thompson. The brethren dined together at the Café Royal in the evening. The usual loyal and other toasts were given.

### Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

[The charge is 2s. 6d. for announcements not exceeding Four Lines under this heading.]

#### BIRTHS.

EYRE.—On the 7th inst., at Upper Berkeley-street, W., the Lady Alice Eyre, of a daughter.  
GARDNER.—On the 5th inst., at Pencaerau, Neath, Mrs. A. S. Gardner of a son.

#### MARRIAGES.

BALDWIN—CAYLEY.—On the 8th inst. at St. Luke's, West Holloway, Ambrose Baldwin, of Tottenham-court-road, to Louisa Cayley, late of Lawn House, Florence-road, Stroud-green.  
PARKES—MURRAY.—On March 21st, at Forbesville, Liverpool, New South Wales, Varney, son of the Hon. Sir H. Parkes, K.C.M.G., to Mary Cameron, daughter of G. Murray, Esq., J.P.

#### DEATHS.

BRUCE.—At Old-street, London, Bro. Robert Bruce, P.M. Gresham Lodge, aged 60.  
DUFF-FILER.—On the 5th inst., Bro. A. J. Duff-Filer, P.G.S.B. of England, Vice-Patron of the Boys' School, and Vice-President of the Girls' School and Benevolent Institution, &c., aged 77.



The Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1, has forwarded the sum of 40 guineas to the fund in aid of the Royal College of Music.

Bro. J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D., has been elected a Governor of Christ's Hospital.

At a meeting of the Lodge of Amity, No. 171, held at the Ship, Greenwich, on Tuesday last, Bro. F. C. D. Fenn (of the firm of H. W. Davis, C.E., 38, New Broad-street), was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year.

The installation meeting of the Panmure Royal Arch Chapter, No. 720, will be held at the Horns Tavern, Kennington, on Monday next, when Comps. B. R. Bryant, J. S. Terry, and J. W. Watts, will be severally installed as Z., H., and J. respectively by Ex. Comp. James Stevens, P.M. an Scribe E. of the chapter.

Bro. G. H. Stephens has been invited to work the Fifteen Sections at the Corinthian Lodge of Instruction, No. 1382, at the George Hotel, Cubitt Town.

The Old Blues, members of the Craft, will be glad to know that the athletic sports of Christ's Hospital will take place on the 30th inst.

The installation meeting of the Samson Lodge, No. 1668, was held on Tuesday. Bro. H. Aarons was installed into the chair by Bro. W. T. Lover, P.M. A report will appear in our next issue.

Four open scholarships for boys under thirteen years of age will be competed for at the Grocers' Company Schools, Hackney Downs, on Monday, June 4th.

It is understood that in future the concerts of the students of the Guildhall School of Music will be held at the City of London School, on the Embankment. On Saturday, the 26th inst., a grand concert will be given in the Guildhall.

Bro. Sir John Bennett has consented to deliver a lecture on Lord Brougham and his work, at the Birkbeck Institution.

Bro. Rev. Dr. P. H. Ernest Brette, P.M. 1460, 1057, P.G. Chaplain Middlesex, has been reappointed examiner at Eton College, Harrow School, St. Paul's School, and the Royal Naval College, Greenwich.

It is a coincidence worth noting that the opening and closing events connected with the history of our Temple destroyed on Thursday last all occurred in the month of May. The foundation stone was laid by Lord Petre, M.W.G.M., on 1st. May, 1775, the building was solemnly consecrated by the same Grand Master, on the 22nd May, 1776, and it was destroyed by fire on the night of the 3-4 May, 1883.

The Duchess of Albany has fixed Tuesday, July 10th, for the ceremony of opening the new building for the Chelsea Hospital for Women in the Fulham-road, the foundation-stone of which was laid by the Princess of Wales three years since. The Duchess, who will be accompanied by the Duke of Albany, the patron of the hospital, has consented to receive purses containing contributions of 10 guineas.

We are reminded by a correspondent that our list of lodges in the province established since the appointment of R.W. Bro. Beach as P.G.M., did not contain the Hampshire Lodge of Emulation which was constituted on the 7th of last month.

Several excellent photographs of the fire have been taken by Bro. Bedford Lemere, of 147, Strand. Mr. W. G. Parker, of 40, High Holborn, has also operated with good results.

Bro. Dr. Spark, the Leeds Borough Organist, brought a very successful season to a close on Saturday week, when a large audience assembled in the Town Hall to listen to a recital on the grand organ of selections from the works of Jewish composers.

The Prince of Wales, accompanied by the Princess and the Princes Albert Victor and George of Wales, opened the Royal College of Music on Monday with simple, but impressive, ceremonial. The Archbishop of Canterbury having offered up a brief prayer, Mr. Grove, the Director of the College, delivered an address, which his Royal Highness acknowledged at considerable length, eulogising on the measure of success which had attended the efforts of the promoters, and congratulating them on the commencement they had been able to make that day. The number of those present was limited, but all of them were representative Englishmen.

The following dinners are fixed to take place at Limmer's Hotel, New Bond-street, W.: 10th Hussars, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales presiding, May 24th; 15th Hussars, May 21st; 14th Hussars, May 24th; 4th Hussars, May 20th; 7th Hussars, June 10th; 12th Lancers, May 22nd; Scots Guards, June 11th; 56th Regiment, May 22nd; Black Watch (3rd Battalion) May 24th; 5th Fusiliers, May 25th; 51st Regiment, May 25th; 85th Regiment, June 2nd; Scots Fusiliers, June 4th; 30th Regiment, June 5th; Hampshire Regiment (2nd Battalion) June 6th; 8th King's Regiment, June 6th; Oxford Falstaff Club, June 27th; Wellingtoniad Dinner, July 3rd; The Worshipful Company of Broderers Livery Dinner, May 21st; Defence of Lucknow Residency Banquet, May 30th; Cornish Club, June 5th.

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Notice is given in the *Gazette* that the Prince of Wales will hold a Levée at St. James's Palace, on behalf of her Majesty, on Monday, the 28th inst., at two o'clock.

Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon is announced to preside at a meeting to-day at the Cannon-street Hotel, to hear some details with respect to the Transvaal and its resources from a recent traveller in that country.

Her Majesty has forwarded £15 to the widows of two of the men who were lately killed by the explosion at Priddy's Hard, Portsmouth, for the purpose of purchasing mourning.

Bro. the Lord Mayor has received a sum of seven guineas towards the fund for the relief of the families of the fishermen who were drowned in the great gale in March, from the Southgate Lodge.

The Duchess of Edinburgh visited the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, at Bagshot, on Saturday afternoon last, and was joined by his Royal Highness the Duke after the Royal Academy of Arts dinner.

According to *Truth*, the Prince of Wales will entertain some 40 members of the Jockey Club at dinner at Marlborough House on the evening of the Derby Day.

The Fifteen Sections were worked at the Upton Lodge of Instruction by the brethren of the Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198 (by special invitation) on Thursday evening.

Mrs. Langtry during 24 weeks' tour in America is declared to have realised 329,633 dols., or something like £45,933.

Bro. George Lambert (member of the court of Goldsmiths' Company), F.S.A., will read a paper on the "Early History of the Founding of the Charter House," at a meeting of the London and Middlesex Archaeological Society, 4, St. Martin's-place, Trafalgar-square, on Monday, the 21st.

Bro. Shaw Lefevre, M.P., H.M.'s First Commissioner of Works, has appointed Mr. E. de M. Rodolf to be his private secretary in place of Mr. R. S. Gowland, promoted to be principal clerk.

Bro. G. R. Sims (of the *Referee*), author of the "Dagonet Ballads," "The Lights o' London," and various dramas, is engaged to furnish a series of chapters on town life to the *Pictorial World*.

The installation meeting of the East Sussex Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 166, will be held at the Castle Hotel, Hastings, on Tuesday, the 15th inst., when Bro. the Rev. E. F. Cave-Browne-Cave, M.A., P. Prov. G. Mark Chap., will be installed by Bro. Thomas Trollope, M.D., R.W. Prov. G.M.M. Sussex.

Bro. the Duke of Manchester, Prov. G.M., Norths and Hants, the Marquis of Headfort, G.S. Warden of Ireland, Baron Henry de Worms, M.P., and Richardson-Gardner, M.P., were present at the dinner given by the Beaconsfield Club on Wednesday evening, to the Marquis of Salisbury and Sir Stafford Northcote, Bart., M.P.

Bro. Lord Claud Hamilton, M.P., P.G.W., presided at the anniversary dinner of the Railway Benevolent Institution held on Wednesday evening, at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street. The Duke of Abercorn, Grand Master of Ireland, was one of his lordship's supporters. The subscriptions and donations announced amounted to £5,900.

An immense bed of superior red marl 64 yards deep has been recently discovered at Ruabon, and we believe secured by the firm of Messrs. Monk and Newell, Liverpool, who commence the manufacture of terra cotta, &c., upon a large scale forthwith. We also learn the firm has taken into partnership the well-known manager of the Penybout Works, "the originator of Ruabon (deep red) Terra Cotta," who undertakes the practical management of the business. We believe the works will prove a great boon to the country generally.

All good Masons will regret deeply the loss of their beautiful hall, so rich in historic associations, and all will be anxious for its reconstruction and for its security as far as possible from a repetition of the disaster. Buildings of so great intrinsic and historic value should not be left at the mercy of the all-devouring element one atom more than is inevitable. Fortunately the means of obtaining security are greater than they were. The buildings of the International Fisheries Exhibition have just been rendered fireproof by the use of Asbestos fireproof paint, a remarkable invention introduced by the United Asbestos Company, of Queen Victoria-street. The fire repelling qualities of this substance have been proved beyond all question, and it might perhaps be well if the authorities were to consider the advisability of its adoption in the reconstruction of our beautiful hall. It should, at all events, be worth inquiry.

At a meeting of the Southgate Lodge, No. 1950, on the 3rd inst., Bro. Forge, the I.P.M., made a very urgent appeal to the members on behalf of the Widows and Orphan Fund of the poor fishermen who lost their lives in the North Sea in the fearful gale of the 6th March. The Senior Warden proposed that the lodge gave £2 2s., and in his remarks said he always noticed that the British public never took up anything which occurred in their midst as they did foreign affairs. He said that if there had been a flood in Germany, an earthquake in Italy, or a famine in Ireland, the public money would have rolled in, whilst hardly any notice was taken of this fearful catastrophe. The proposition was seconded, and afterwards carried unanimously. After the banquet Bro. Forge went round the table and collected an additional £5 5s. Both sums have been sent to the Lord Mayor. We think this praiseworthy of so young a lodge, and think other lodges should follow the good example for alleviating the distress caused by this serious loss of life.

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Bro. F. Kent, solicitor, has removed from 9, Bucklersbury, to 28, Queen-street, Cannon-street.

Bros. Shaw Lefevre, M.P.; Earl Percy, M.P., P.G.M. Northumberland; and Sir P. Dyke Acland, Bart., M.P., are among the members of the Committee on the Parochial Charities (London) Bill.

The late Bro. W. G. Harrison, O.C., has been succeeded as a Bencher of the Inner Temple by Mr. L. Field.

The Prince of Wales and other members of the Royal Family have accepted invitations to a banquet to be given to-morrow (Saturday) evening, by the Fishermen's Company, in honour of the opening of the International Fisheries Exhibition, South Kensington.

On Wednesday evening, at Exeter Hall, the Band of Hope Union celebrated the eight anniversary of its foundation under the presidency of Bro. Dr. B. W. Richardson.

The Prince of Wales presided at a meeting held on Wednesday in the Jerusalem Chamber, Westminster Abbey, of the Dean Stanley Memorial Fund Committee.

Bro. Sir Joseph Bailey, Bart., M.P., P.G.M., Hertfordshire, presided at the meeting on Wednesday of the Committee of the House of Commons on the Manchester Ship Canal Bill.

The Princess of Wales and her two sons, the Princes Albert Victor and George, visited the Royal Comedy Theatre on Wednesday evening and witnessed the performance of "Rip Van Winkle."

The Duke and Duchess of Connaught were at St. James's Theatre on Wednesday evening and witnessed the performance of "Impulse."

Bro. Earl Granville, as Chancellor of the University of London, at what is known as Presentation Day, presided at the meeting in the theatre of Burlington House on Wednesday, and distributed the diplomas, prizes, and certificates to the successful candidates for the various degrees granted by the University.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales presided at a meeting of the Council of the Royal College of Music, which was held at Marlborough House, on Thursday last.

The banquet annually given by the Royal Academy took place on Saturday last. Sir F. Leighton, President, was in the chair, and among the principal guests were the Prince of Wales, the Dukes of Edinburgh and Cambridge, Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar, the Duke of Teck, the Turkish, German, and Russian Ambassadors, the Lord Chancellor, Bros. Earl Granville, Earl of Shaftesbury, Lord Alcester, Lord Wolsley, Earl of Wharcliffe, Earl of Mount Edgcombe, P.G.M. Cornwall; Lord Suffield, P.G.M. Norfolk; Shaw-Lefevre, M.P.; Dodson, M.P., P.G.J.W.; Col. Stanley, M.P., G.J.W.; G. O. Trevelyan, M.P.; Sir Farrer Herschell, O.C., M.P.; Sir M. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., P.G.M. Gloucestershire; and the Lord Mayor of London.

Among those present at the Marchioness of Salisbury's reception on Saturday night last were Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Marlborough, Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Manchester, the Duchess of Richmond and Gordon, Bro. the Marquis and Marchioness of Waterford, Bro. the Marquis and Marchioness of Headfort, Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcombe, Bro. the Earl and Countess of Galloway, Bro. the Earl of Wharcliffe, the Countess of Rosly and Miss Maynard, Bro. Lord and Lady Balfour of Burlock, and others.

Royal Arch Masonry is making rapid progress in the metropolis, and no recently formed chapter has done more to help forward the movement than the Metropolitan Chapter, No. 1507, which has been, and is being, largely recruited from the Savoy Lodge. The popularity of the Metropolitan Chapter is due undoubtedly to the great discrimination shown in the selection of the Principals, and certainly few Masonic bodies have been so successful in the election of their officers. In succession to Comps. James Willing, Stacey, Fergusson, W. M. Stiles, and Hudson, Comp. Henry Stiles (Master of the Metropolitan Lodge) has been called upon to rule the destinies of the chapter, and he may safely be trusted to exercise the duties of the exalted position of First Principal with credit to himself and honour to the companions. Comps. James Willing, Sides, and T. C. Edmonds have been elected to important offices in the chapter.

On Monday afternoon their Royal Highness the Prince and Princess of Wales, with their sons and daughters, and accompanied by the Duchess of Edinburgh, H.R.H. the Princess Mary, Duchess and the Duke of Teck, visited Hengler's Circus, and witnessed the opening games of the grand Military Chess Tournament, held in aid of the funds of the Royal Hospital for Women and Children, Westminster Bridge-road, and the West-end Hospital for Diseases of the Nervous System, Welbeck-street. In these games the pieces were represented by non-commissioned officers and men of the Household Brigade, appropriately costumed, while drummer-boys, attired as mediæval pages, acted as the pawns. All carried red or white bannerets, so that the opposing forces, as they moved about the board, which was of painted oil-skin, might be distinguishable from each other. The games were actually played on a usual chessboard by Messrs. Hoffer (red) and Hirschfield (white), the moves as they were made being called by Lieut.-Colonel Sterling, of the Coldstream Guards, to two sergeant-majors placed at the entrance to the building in which the tournament was held, who repeated them to the pieces within. But few mistakes occurred on the part of the living chessmen, and the whole was conducted with staid, yet quaint, ceremonial. Mr. Hirschfield won both the games that were played. The performance was repeated in the evening, and again on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons and evenings. A trumpet sounded at the call of "check," and a loud fanfare indicated the "check-mate," which brought each game to a close.

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## METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Saturday, May 19, 1883.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Rose Croix Chapters, Preceptories, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place, day, or month of meeting.

## SATURDAY, MAY 12.

Lodge 173, Phoenix, F.M.H.  
 " 176, Caveac, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
 " 1328, Granite, F.M.H.  
 " 1584, Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter Hot., Kew Bridge.

" 1686, Paxton, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.  
 " 1928, Gallery, Brixton Hall, Brixton.  
 Chap. 1184, Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.  
 " 1706, Orpheus, F.M.H.  
 Mark 234, Brixton, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Manchester, 17, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8.  
 Star, Five Bells, New Cross-rd., S.E., at 7.  
 Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.  
 Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.  
 Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.  
 Alexandra Palace, Station Ho., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.

## MONDAY, MAY 14.

Lodge 5, St. George's and Corner Stone, F.M.H.  
 " 29, St. Alban's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
 " 58, Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
 " 136, Good Report, Inns of Court Hot.  
 " 193, Confidence, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 " 957, Leigh, F.M.H.  
 " 1366, Highgate, Gate House Hot., Highgate.  
 " 1571, Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Bermondsey.  
 " 1670, Adelphi, F.M.H.  
 " 1691, Quadratic, Greyhound Hot., Hampton-court.  
 " 1789, Ubique, M.H., S. Air-st., Regent-st.  
 " 1790, Old England, M.H., New Thornton Heath.  
 " 1861, Claremont, School Rooms, Esher.  
 " 1922, Earl of Lathom, Greyhound Hot., Hampton-ct.  
 Chap. 720, Panmure, Horns Tav., Kennington.  
 " 862, Whittington, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 " 1118, University, F.M.H.  
 Mark 239, Royal Naval, S.A., Red Lion-sq.  
 Rose Croix 53, Holy Sanctuary, 33, Golden-sq.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.  
 Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.  
 Sincerity, Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate, at 7.  
 Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd., at 8.  
 St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.  
 Perfect Ashlar, Jamaica Tav., Southwark Park-rd., at 8.  
 United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.  
 Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney, 8.  
 Loughborough, Cambria Tav., Loughborough Junc., at 7.30.  
 West Smithfield, Farringdon Hot., Farringdon-st., at 8.  
 Deric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 6.  
 Royal Commemoration, R. Hot., High-st., Putney, 8 till 10.  
 St. Mark's, S.M.H., Camberwell New-rd.  
 John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, at 8.  
 Kingsland, Canonbury Tav., N., at 8.30.  
 Metropolitan, Crown and Cushion, 73, London Wall, 7.30.  
 Strong Man, Excise Tav., Old Broad-st., at 7.  
 St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hot., W. Kensington, at 8.

## TUESDAY, MAY 15.

Board of General Purposes, at 4.  
 Lodge 194, St. Paul's, Cannon-st. Hot.  
 " 704, Camden, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
 " 857, St. Mark's, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.  
 " 1420, Earl Spencer, Graven Hot., Lavender-hill.  
 Chap. 46, Old Union, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
 " 228, United Strength, Guildhall Tav.  
 Mark 238, Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.  
 South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, 7.30.  
 Pilgrim, F.M.H., 1st and last Tues.  
 Varborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.  
 St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.  
 Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.  
 Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st., S.W., at 8.  
 Prince Fredk. Wm., Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-hill, 8.  
 Capper, Railway Tav., Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8.  
 Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., at 7.30.  
 Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.  
 Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.  
 Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.  
 Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-rd.  
 Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8.  
 Royal Arthur, Duke of Cambridge, 216, Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8.  
 Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., at 8.  
 Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone, at 8.  
 Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe, at 8.  
 West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing, at 7.30.  
 Islington, Crown and Cushion, 73, London Wall, at 7.  
 Kennington, Horns Tav., Kennington, 7.30.  
 Mount Edgumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's, at 8.  
 Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, 8.  
 Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-rd., at 8.  
 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at 8.  
 St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, Finchley-rd., at 8.  
 Corinthian, George Hot., Millwall Docks, at 7.  
 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30.  
 Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.  
 Eleanor, Angel Hot., Edmonton.  
 Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-st., Borough, at 8.  
 Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30.  
 Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-rd., East Brixton, at 8.  
 Metropolitan Chap., Jamaica Coffee Ho., St. Michael's Alley  
 Earl of Carnarvon Chap., Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, S.

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 16.

Lodge 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
 " 619, Beadon, Greyhound Hot., Dulwich.  
 " 700, Nelson, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.  
 " 969, Maybury, Inns of Court Hot.  
 " 1278, Burdett Coutts, Approach Tav., Victoria-pk.  
 " 1382, Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town.  
 " 1803, Cornhill, London Tav., Fencher ch-st.  
 Chap. 141, Faith, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 " 1598, Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone.  
 Mark 144, Grosvenor, M.H., S. Air-st., Regent-st.  
 " 181, Francis Burdett, Albany, Twickenham.  
 Mark 199, Duke of Connaught, Town Hall, Shoreditch.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, Bishopsgate-st., at 8.  
 Prince Leopold, Grand Avenue M.H., 88, Gracechurch-st., United Mariners, Lugard Hot., Lugard-rd., Peckham.  
 Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., 7 till 9.  
 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.  
 Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Newington Causeway, 8.  
 Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.  
 La Tolerance, Morland Hot., Dean-st., W., at 8.  
 United Strength, Hope Tav., 179, Stanhope-st., Regent's Park, at 8.  
 Peckham, Lord Wellington Hot., 516, Old Kent-rd., at 8.  
 Burdett Coutts, Dukes Head, 79, Whitechapel Road, at 8.  
 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8.30.  
 Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park, at 8.  
 Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, 8.  
 Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.  
 Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.  
 Temperance in the East, G. the Fourth, Ida-st., E., at 7.30.  
 Eleanor, Trocadero Hot., Liverpool-st., E.C.  
 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.  
 Creton, Prince Albert Tav., Portobello-ter., Notting hill, 8.  
 Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.  
 Wanderers, Black Horse, York-st., S.W., at 7.30.  
 Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow-st., Regent-st., at 8.  
 Camden Chapter, Boston Hot., Holloway, at 8.30 p.m.

## THURSDAY, MAY 17.

Lodge 55, Constitutional, Inns of Court Hot.  
 " 813, New Concord, Guildhall Tav.  
 " 1227, Upton, Spotted Dog Tav., Upton.  
 " 1320, Blackheath, Green Man, Blackheath.  
 " 1321, Emblematic, Horns Tav., Kennington.  
 " 1365, Clapton, White Hart Tav., Clapton.  
 " 1623, West Smithfield, F.M.H.  
 " 1872, St. Margaret's, St. Mark's School, Surbiton.  
 " 1963, Duke of Albany, M.H., Lavender Hill.  
 Chap. 63, St. Mary's, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.  
 " 217, Stability, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 " 507, United Pilgrims, Horns Tav., Kennington.  
 " 733, Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.  
 " 742, Crystal Palace, Thicket Hot., Anerley.  
 " 834, Andrew, Bell and Anchor Hot., Hammersmith.  
 " 1216, Macdonald, Hd.-qrts. 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell.

Mark 7, Carnarvon, Café Royal, 68, Regent-st.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.  
 Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.  
 Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.C., at 8.  
 The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue, 6.30.  
 Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.  
 Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank, at 8.  
 Highgate, Boston Hot., Junction-rd., N., at 8.  
 High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham, at 8.  
 Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.  
 Southern Star, The Pheasant, Stangate S.W., at 8.  
 Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.  
 Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-rd., at 8.  
 Leopold, Old White Hart, Borough High-st., at 7.30.  
 King Harold, Britannia Hot., Waltham New Town, at 7.  
 Burgoyne, Cock Tav., St. Martin's-crt., Ludgate-hill, 6.30.  
 Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.  
 Vitruvian, White Hart, Belvedere-rd., Lambeth, at 8.  
 Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden-lane, Covent Garden, W.C., 7.45.  
 Royal Albert, White Hart Hot., Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.  
 Stockwell, Cock Tav., Kennington-rd., at 7.30.  
 Victoria Park, Yorkshire Grey, High-st., Stratford, at 8.  
 Guelph, Blackbirds Inn, High-st., Leyton.  
 Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, Queen Victoria-st., at 6. (Emulation Working.)  
 St. Michael's, Moorgate Tav., Finsbury Pavement, at 8.  
 Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.  
 Upton, Swan Tav., Bethnal Green-rd., at 8.  
 Camden, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7.  
 North London Chap., Canonbury Tav., at 8.

## FRIDAY, MAY 18.

Election Benevolent Institution, at 12.  
 House Committee Boys' School, at 4.  
 Lodge 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.  
 " 143, Middlesex, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
 " 1118, University, F.M.H.  
 K.T. Precept. 48, Kemey's Tynte, 33, Golden-sq.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Stability, M.H., Masons' Avenue, at 6.  
 Robert Burns, North Pole, 387 Oxford-st, W., at 8.  
 All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.  
 Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W., at 8.  
 Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H., at 7.  
 Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford, at 8.  
 Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.  
 St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.  
 Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 8.  
 United Pilgrims, S.M.H., Camberwell New-rd., 7.30.  
 St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E., at 8.  
 Duke of Edinburgh, Bricklayers' Arms, Narrow-st., Limehouse, at 7.  
 Doric, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.  
 St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea, 7.30.  
 Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill, at 7.30.  
 Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.  
 Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith, at 8.  
 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich, at 8.  
 William Preston, Jacob's Well, George-st. Manchester-sq.  
 Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8.  
 Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich St.  
 George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich, at 8.  
 Ubique, Guardsman Coffee Tav., Buckingham Palace-road, at 7.30.  
 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30.  
 Old Keut Mark, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7.

## SATURDAY, MAY 19.

Lodge 1185, Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.  
 " 1326, Lebanon, Lion Hot., Hampton.  
 " 1329, Sphinx, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.  
 " 1584, Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter Hot., Kew Bridge.  
 " 1767, Kensington, South Kensington Hot., Queen's Gate-terrace.  
 Chap. 19, Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
 " 1571, Carnarvon, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
 Mark 205, Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow.  
 " 251, Tenderer, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

## MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE,

For the Week ending Saturday, May 19, 1883.

## MONDAY, MAY 14.

Lodge 104, St. John's, Ashton Hot., Stockport.  
 " 292, Sincerity, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.  
 " 314, Peace and Unity, Militia Mess R., Preston.  
 " 721, Independence, M.R., Chester.  
 " 941, De Tabley, Royal George, Knutsford.  
 " 1021, Hartington, M.R., Barrow.  
 " 1350, Ferrom Hesketh, M.H., Liverpool.  
 " 1496, Trafford, Alexandra Hotel, Moss-side, Manchester.  
 " 1588, Prince Leopold, M.R., Stretford.  
 Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
 Chap. 148, Elias Ashmole, G.R., Warrington.

## TUESDAY, MAY 15.

Lodge 667, Alliance, M.H., Liverpool.  
 " 830, Endeavour, Queen's Arms, Dukinfield.  
 " 1225, Hindpool, Hartington Hot., Barrow.  
 " 1276, Warren, Queen's Arms Hot., Liscard.  
 " 1570, Prince Arthur, M.H., Liverpool.  
 Merchant's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
 Cholmondeley L. of I., Commercial Hot., Frodsham.

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 16.

Lodge 86, Loyalty, Crown Hot., Prescot.  
 " 178, Antiquity, M.H., Wigan.  
 " 484, Faith, Gerard's Arms, Ashton-in-Makerfield.  
 " 533, Eaton, M.H., Congleton.  
 " 537, Zetland, M.R., Birkenhead.  
 " 580, Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk.  
 " 758, Ellesmere, M.H., Runcorn.  
 " 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.  
 " 950, Hesketh, Royal Hot., Fleetwood.  
 " 1086, Walton, Skelmersdale Hall, Liverpool.  
 " 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.  
 " 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.  
 Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
 Toxteth L. of I., M.R., North Hill-st., Liverpool.  
 Chap. 580, Unity, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk.

## THURSDAY, MAY 17.

Lodge 203, Antient Union, M.H., Liverpool.  
 " 343, Concord, Bull Hot., Preston.  
 " 425, Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester.  
 " 605, Combermere, Queen's Hot., Liscard.  
 " 1032, Townley Parker, Howard's Arms, Whittle-le-Woods.  
 " 1299, Pembroke, Rawlinson's Hot., W. Derby.  
 " 1393, Hamer, M.H., Liverpool.  
 " 1576, Dee, Union Hot., Parkgate.  
 Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
 St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
 Harmonic L. of I., Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.  
 Chap. 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.

## FRIDAY, MAY 18.

Lodge 1357, Cope, Brooklands Hot., Sale.  
 Mark Lodge 65, West Lancashire, M.H., Liverpool.  
 " 165, Egerton, Rock Hot., Rock Ferry.

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